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## Floods claim over 700 in India, 14 in Pakistan

NEW DELHI, July 26. (Agencies): More than 700 people have been killed in one of the worst monsoon storms to hit India in recent years, local news agencies reported today.

More than 500 people were killed in the western state of Maharashtra. Over 2,000 were reported missing, including 1,000 fishermen caught by storms in the Arabian Sea, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Bombay, the state capital and India's commercial centre, was paralysed for a third day.

Air and train services were disrupted, streets deserted, and shops were closed. Stock and commodity exchanges only opened in the afternoon to sparse trading.

Thirty-seven people were crushed to death by a landslide in Vaju, a village near Bombay, PTI said.

In Andhra Pradesh, 119 people died, State Chief Minister Rama Rao said nearly 70,000 homes were damaged.

Storms also left a trail of destruction across South India, killing at least 39 people, PTI said.

And in neighbouring Pakistan, heavy rains killed 14 people and injured more than 50, it was reported today.

All the deaths were in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city and business centre, which has been hit by heavy rains for three days, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

Eleven of the deaths came in the first two days, and three of the injured died today, raising the toll to 14, hospital officials said.

Most of the deaths and injuries were caused by houses collapsing on sleeping people. Parts of the city were also hit by floods from two small rivers, the Malir and Lyari, which washed away dozens of huts in city's low-lying slum areas, police also said.

Some of the flights to and from Karachi have been delayed as a result of the rains, an official of Pakistan International Airlines said.

### NEWSWATCH

#### Kuwait fined

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 26. (AP): FIFA, the International Football Federation, today fined Kuwait \$31,000 for bad organisation of a World Cup qualifying match against UAE this year.

Kuwait was one of the 12 countries fined by FIFA today for breaking international rules. The fine on Kuwait is one of the highest in FIFA history.

#### Charges dropped

WASHINGTON, July 26. (Reuters): A judge granted the request of special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh yesterday to dismiss some of the most serious charges against former National Security adviser John Poindexter in the Iran-Contra case.

But judge Harold Greene ruled that the charges of theft of government property and fraud could not be brought against Poindexter again after his trial. Walsh had asked that he have the right to raise the charges again if necessary.

#### Woman in coma

ROME, July 26. (AP): A woman who arrived at Leonardo Da Vinci airport in a coma was found to have 80 capsules of heroin in her stomach, the Italian news agency AGI reported today.

According to the report, the woman arrived on a flight from Karachi, Pakistan, on Saturday. She was hospitalised but doctors were at a loss to explain her condition until airport police suggested that her stomach be x-rayed for smuggled drugs.

Doctors then removed 82 capsules of heroin from her intestinal tract, the dispatch said.

#### Baig surrenders

ISLAMABAD, July 26. (Reuters): A Pakistani businessman suspected of controlling a global drug-smuggling ring surrendered to police today, the official AP news agency said.

Mirza Mohammad Iqbal Baig, named as a drug baron by a convicted Japanese drug carrier in a 1985 British Broadcasting Corporation documentary film, surrendered to the Pakistan narcotics control board in Islamabad after more than a month in hiding.

APP said Baig, based in Lahore, capital of Punjab province, was sought in connection with investigations into large-scale drug smuggling to Europe, the United States and India.

Hisayoshi Maruyama, arrested in Amsterdam in 1983 with 17 kg (38 pounds) of heroin and later sentenced three to 10 years in jail, told the BBC he was working in a Lahore-based organisation led by Baig.

#### Caesarean

NEW YORK, July 26. (Reuters): Wealthy women in the United States are nearly twice as likely to deliver a baby by Caesarean section than poor women, regardless of age, race or complications during pregnancy, US researchers report.

The researchers at the University of California at Berkeley suggest Caesareans are less common among poor women because they are less likely to have private physicians.

#### Soviet denial

KUWAIT, July 26. (KUNA): Soviet leadership had denied concluding big arms deals with Iran that could affect the military balance in the region, says a Kuwaiti daily today.

In a news despatch from Paris Al Qabas newspaper quoted what it described as high ranking Arab sources as saying the Soviet leadership had contacted some Arab countries it did not name that it would not supply Iran with advanced offensive weapons that could lead to destabilising the Arabian Gulf.

#### Wicked father

AMMAN, July 26. (KUNA): A greedy Jewish father broke his 6-year-old son's skull because he ate from his food.

Latest edition of daily Jerusalem newspaper, published in occupied Jerusalem, said that Israeli police released this wicked father on bail after transferring the unconscious boy to Shiba hospital.

## PLO softens election stand

### Land for peace new condition

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 26. (Agencies): The PLO is ready to accept Israel's election proposal, softening its conditions but still insisting the Israeli government accept the policy of trading land for peace, government officials and lawmakers said today.

The Palestinian concessions, they said, are outlined in a US government memo sent to Israeli leaders by PLO chief Yasser Arafat this week through a circuitous route involving a Soviet official.

In Washington, a State Department source said the memo was apparently a summary of discussions at the US-PLO dialogue in Tunis.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said he was not aware of the document, but legislators and other officials confirmed its existence.

The chief concession in the document is the PLO's dropping of its demand for Israel to withdraw from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip before elections can be held.

Israel proposed the elections in a peace initiative adopted by the cabinet in May which calls for 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied territories to choose delegates to negotiate an interim settlement of self-rule.

Some sources said Israel and the PLO also were considering agreeing on Palestinian negotiators, who would then be elected with PLO backing.

Legislator Benjamin Bel-Eliezer of the left-leaning Labour Party said the idea was based on "a convergence of interests between us and Arafat" to prevent extremists from being elected.

The reported PLO stand was likely to deepen divisions in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's fractious governing coalition, made up of Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc and Labour.

Although at odds with Shamir's outspoken objections to relinquishing control of the occupied territories, the PLO concessions were in line with most stands of Labour.

The disclosures came amid controversy in the cabinet over reports of indirect Israeli contacts with the PLO despite a policy that bans such dialogue.

Leaders of the Labour Party say otherwise and maintain Israel is negotiating with the PLO indirectly through American, Romanian, Egyptian and West German intermediaries.

Three Labour legislators said the PLO has already told Israel that Arafat would accept the elections idea if the government agrees to certain conditions, including:

- Acceptance of the US-backed land-for-peace formula.
- Army withdrawal to predetermined positions on election day.

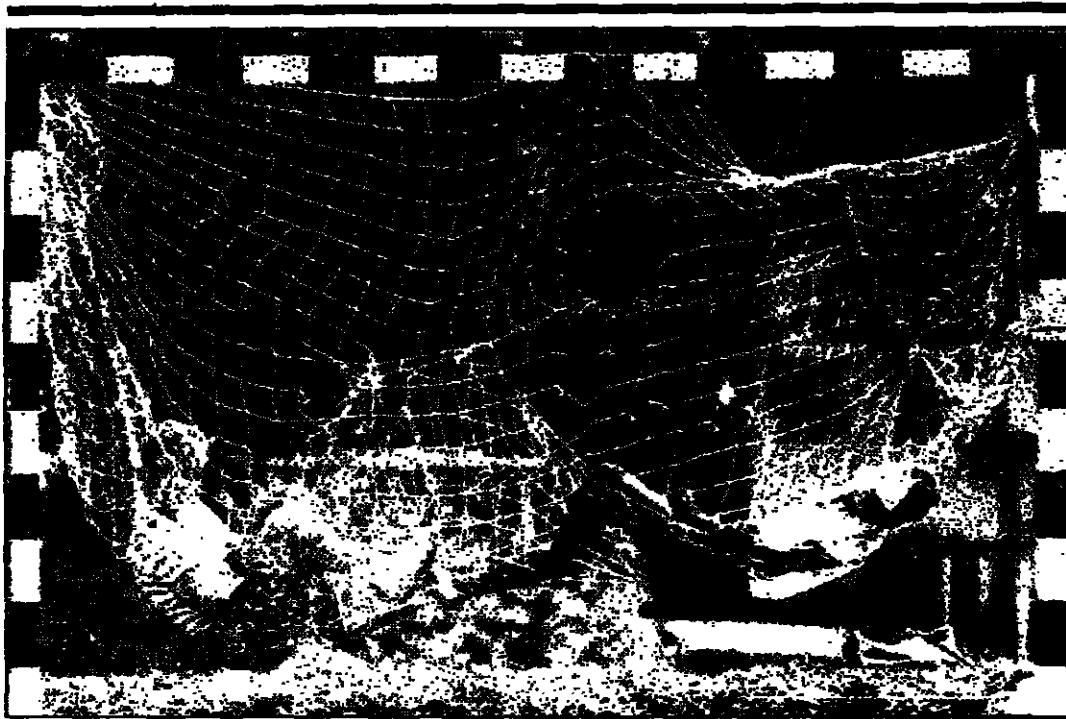
- Allowing international observers for the voting. One report said the PLO also softened its position on this, agreeing to an Egyptian-American team, instead of UN supervision.

- Israel's assurance that Palestinian candidates would have freedom of speech and immunity from prosecution.

- Acceptance by Israel of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which call on Israel to give up occupied land, and Israel's recognition of the political rights of the Palestinian people.

The United States has told the Soviet Union it might put its weight behind the Palestinian idea that elections in the Israeli-occupied territories should be tied to an overall settlement, a senior PLO official said in Tunis.

In talks in Tunis last week, Tarasov told a team of PLO negotiators that this was the message they were receiving from Washington, PLO executive committee member Yasser Abed Rabbo said.



Siesta in net

Enjoying the mild summer weather, these two youths in Zurich stretch out in a soccer goal net for an afternoon siesta. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Lankans vent anger 14 Indians die

COLOMBO, July 26. (UPI): A bomb set by Sinhalese extremists exploded today outside an Indian bank without causing casualties and the central government was virtually paralysed by a strike called to demand an Indian troop withdrawal from the island, officials said.

In a related development, the Indian High Commission said 14 Indian soldiers were killed and six others wounded in a landmine attack yesterday in Northeastern Province by ethnic Tamil rebels of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

The high commission — New Delhi's embassy — said the blast occurred as an Indian military convoy was travelling towards the port town of Trincomalee, 160 miles (260 km) northeast of Colombo. It gave no further details.

Indian troops were deployed in Northeastern Province, home to most of Sri Lanka's 3 million Tamils, to enforce a July 29, 1987, accord with Colombo that was aimed at ending a war for a separate Tamil nation by granting the predominantly Hindu

minority greater self-rule.

Tamils demanded independence from Colombo to escape years of discrimination by the 11 million-strong Buddhist Sinhalese majority, which controls the government and the military.

India has lost almost 1,000 soldiers trying to crush the LTTE, the only one of five separatist groups that refused to endorse the accord.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa, contending that violence in the northeast increased after the arrival of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF), called on June 1 for its withdrawal by Saturday. The ultimatum was rejected by New Delhi, igniting a bitter diplomatic feud that remained unresolved today.

India's position has helped fuel violence by Sinhalese leftists of the fiercely Nationalist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), which opposed the Indo-Sri Lankan accord and made an IPKF withdrawal a main demand of its campaign to topple the government. JVP-related bloodshed has left more than 2,600 people dead this year.

## The good old UAE

DUBAI, July 26. (AP): Life expectancy among the mainly expatriate population of the United Arab Emirates has now reached 73 years for females and 70 years for males, the UAE Health Ministry said today.

Almost 70 per cent of the 1.587,100 population of the southern Gulf state were expatriates from 42 countries, with the ratio of two men for each woman, according to the ministry's 1988 statistics.

The 1988 population increase stood at 3.2 per cent and infant mortality at 10.8 per thousand.

The statistics showed that men 20-40 years old form 40 per cent of the population while the population of children under 15 years stood at 33.6 per cent.

The impact of economic development, induced by the riches drawn with the oil discovery in the early 60s, has affected the demographic structure as well as the social and health status.

The report indirectly admitted to the disorder in the UAE's population pyramid, saying: "with the increasing birth rate and the limitation of expatriates entering the country, it is expected that the population structure will stabilize and the population pyramid will take a more normal shape in the next few years."

The report referred to health problems induced by the new affluent social conditions, such as cardiovascular diseases, nutritional diseases and malignancies.

## Report ties Castros to drug trade; 'Ochoa executed in coverup'

BOSTON, July 26. (UPI): Cuban President Fidel Castro is closely tied to drug traffickers operating in the Western hemisphere and is embracing anti-drug efforts to throw law enforcement officials off the track, according to a report published today by the Boston Herald.

Sources quoted by the Herald said Castro and his brother, Defence Minister Raul Castro, permitted high-ranking Cuban officials to co-operate with operatives from the Colombian drug cartel, to

expand the narcotics network to the United States and throughout Latin America.

The Herald reported that law enforcement and intelligence sources said a trial in Cuba six weeks ago, at which a Cuban general and 13 Army and intelligence officers were convicted of drug smuggling, was designed to shift blame for drug trafficking away from Castro and his brother.

A special senate subcommittee was to begin hearings today to investigate Cas-

tro's alleged involvement in drug trafficking, the newspaper reported.

The committee on narcotics, terrorism and international operations will question State Department, Coast Guard and customs officials. The committee, chaired by Senator John Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, also will request details of secret meetings between US and Cuban officials on possible anti-drug efforts.

The Herald reported that Washington has suspected Castro links to drug trafficking ever since four Cuban officials were indicted by a Miami grand jury for allegedly co-operating with Colombian drug runners.

Yesterday Melvin Levitsky, assistant Secretary of State for international narcotic matters, in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Task Force on drugs, said the Cuban trial of a series of officers and officials "was a carefully choreographed show trial from beginning to end."



Thai villages shelled

Cambodian government artillery hit at least four Thai villages today in an intensified campaign against Cambodian guerrillas along the Thai-Cambodian frontier, Thai military officers said.

Buddhist monks ran into bunkers around a monastery in Ban Nuan Sao Ase, more than one kilometre (0.6 mile) inside Thailand, as shells fell on the area. The local school was closed.

One woman sitting on a motorcycle was slightly wounded by one of about 30 shells that struck at Klong Nam Saay, where Thai authorities were seen carrying several wounded Khmer Rouge guerrillas into a truck.

Shelling also was reported at Ban Nung and Ban Tote Charoen. All four villages were near this key border town. Picture shows Thai school children pack a bunker near the Thai-Kampuchean border during heavy shelling. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US court pulls Khashoggi bail

### '\$10m nothing to him'

NEW YORK, July 26. (UPI): A federal appeals court today blocked the release of Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi from prison on \$10 million bail.

The multimillionaire, awaiting trial on fraud charges for his business dealings on behalf of exiled former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, had been scheduled to be released from the metropolitan correctional centre.

Assistant US attorney Charles Labella appealed his release to the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals and within three hours appeals judge Lawrence Pierce issued the temporary stay to district judge John Keenan's order yesterday that cleared the way for his release.

"The district court shall be stayed pending this court's review and disposition of the government motion," Pierce said in a statement.

The US government appealed against yesterday's decision, saying Khashoggi was so rich that the bail money would mean nothing to him if he decided to flee the country. Khashoggi's current net worth is \$53.8 million, according to the papers filed with the US court.

His lawyer, Robert Morvillo, said yesterday evening he has raised enough money to meet the bail, but the paperwork prevented Khashoggi's immediate release.

Today, prosecutors filed a notice with the court of appeals that they planned to appeal the bail package and file a motion to stay Keenan's order.

The following conditions to Khashoggi's release were imposed by the judge:

- \$10 million bond, one half secured by cash or bank books and the other half by property or a surety bond. The bond is to have two "financially secure" co-signers, one of them his brother, Essam Khashoggi.

- Khashoggi will be monitored by federal marshals through an unremovable electronic bracelet attached to his wrist or ankle.

- He is to report twice a week in person and daily by phone to pretrial services.

- Khashoggi must surrender his passport and stay within Manhattan and its northern suburbs pending the outcome of the case.

- Any violation will result in the immediate issuance of a warrant for his arrest, Keenan said.

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## Chaos in jobs barter

LONDON, July 26. (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tried today to limit the political fallout from a cabinet reshuffle the opposition has described as a shambles.

British newspapers said in virtually identical reports that Thatcher offered Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe a new post as Home Secretary unknown to the man still in the job, Douglas Hurd — who eventually kept it.

After several hours discussion with family and friends, Howe turned down the Home Office and reluctantly opted for Thatcher's other offer — leadership of the House of Commons. This makes him effectively the ruling Conservative party's parliamentary manager.

But he insisted on being given the courtesy title of deputy Prime Minister and the chairmanship of several key committees.

Officials, normally quick to knock down inaccurate or unfavourable leaks, refused to confirm or deny the newspaper reports.

But political analysts said the reshuffle may have strained ties between Thatcher and all of her top three officials: Howe, Hurd and Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock described the reshuffle, Britain's biggest cabinet shake-up since 1962, as a shambles, and opposition members said Hurd's position had been undermined.

There had been differences between Thatcher and Howe over some issues like full membership of the European Monetary System (EMS), which the Prime Minister has always said Britain is not ready to join.



# Drugs suspected in deaths

## 3,000 may have died prematurely

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): Up to 3,000 patients may have died prematurely before a nationwide trial discovered that two drugs designed to prevent irregular heart beats could actually cause heart attacks among specific types of patients, according to a survey of cardiac specialists.

Dr. Joel Morganroth, director of cardiac research at the University of Pennsylvania's Hospital in Philadelphia, said yesterday in an interview that he arrived at the estimated mortality toll after surveying 1,000 cardiologists to find how many had prescribed two heart medicines, encainide and flecainide, while trials of the drugs were under way.

"Let's call that the worst scenario," Morganroth said of the estimate of 3,000

premature deaths.

Encainide and flecainide were approved in 1987 for preventing a type of cardiac arrhythmia that features extra ventricular beats. A national study of the drugs, called the Cardiac Arrhythmia Suppression Trial, or CAST, was started in June 1987. It was halted abruptly last April when data showed sudden death rates increasing among patients taking the drugs.

Since then, Morganroth said he conducted a random survey to determine how many patients may have died prematurely from the use of the drugs.

He said 250 cardiologists responded to his survey and that half said they had prescribed

the drugs. Based on these results, Morganroth said he extrapolated the number of premature deaths by factoring in national heart attack death rate statistics and the prescription record for the two drugs.

"Fifteen hundred to 2,000 died, if all the assumptions are appropriate," in the last 12 months of the trials, he said. For the previous year, when the drugs were not as widely used, he estimates the premature deaths at 750 to 1,000.

Physicians' Weekly, which reported on the survey, called the drug trials a "sudden-death debacle." The magazine said that "before a trial found that two drugs to block sudden death actually triggered it, thousands may have died prematurely."

# Rules on foetal tissue use OK'd

LONDON, July 26, (AP): Health Secretary David Mellor said yesterday he had approved a code of practice for use of foetal tissue in brain cell transplants and research after controversy about the ethics of such work.

The guidelines, drafted by doctors, lawyers and moral philosophers, ban inducements to pregnant women to have an abortion or to schedule an abortion for the convenience of tissue transplant teams.

The code laid down that only isolated brain cells or fragments of tissue must be used in transplants to ensure there is no transfer of personality characteristics between donor and recipient.

Mellor told the House of Commons that the government would shortly begin discussions with medical organisations on setting up a body to control the movement of foetal tissue.

The suggestion was made in a report setting out the guidelines by a committee headed by the Rev. Dr. John Polkinghorne, dean of Trinity Hall at Cambridge University. The committee was appointed in June 1988, after doctors in the English city of Birmingham announced Britain's first brain-cell transplants using foetal tissue.

There was intense debate about the ethics of the technique, despite assurances by the head of the transplant team, Professor Edward Hitchcock, that the operations had helped patients suffering from Parkinson's Disease, a progressive brain disorder.

## Welcomed

The Polkinghorne report was welcomed by members of Hitchcock's team, which reportedly has performed at least 17 brain-cell transplants.

The report was also welcomed by Dr. Vivienne Nathanson, secretary of the Ethics Committee of the British Medical Association representing most of the country's 97,000 doctors.

"We believe it is important that new techniques are properly controlled, publicly debated and regularly reviewed," she said.

The Polkinghorne report said foetal tissue may be used in research and treatment so long as a woman's decision to have an abortion is clearly separated from any decision to use the tissue.

To ensure that happens, the report urged the Health Department to set up an organisation to control the movement of foetal tissue and eliminate contact between abortion clinics and institutions where the tissue is used.

"There should be no monetary exchange for foetuses or foetal tissue. Profit from any dealing in foetal tissue is unethical," the report said.

It proposed that all new research or therapy involving the foetus or foetal tissue be approved by an ethics committee.



Through the grapevine

A clay figure of pop star Michael Jackson appears in the latest California Raisins promotion. The new commercial will be introduced at movie theatres in the US. (Reuters wirephoto)

# 'This is mind-boggling'

## All genes not created equal

BAR HARBOR, Maine, July 26, (AP): Many puzzling cancers and inherited diseases might be explained by a radical new finding that not all genes are created equal: genes passed on by fathers may be different from those passed on by mothers.

Researchers are beginning to accept evidence that began to appear in the early 1980s suggesting that mothers and fathers each "imprint" genes with different signals before passing them on to their children.

The findings contradict one of the principles of genetics established in the last century by Gregor Mendel — that it made no difference to a child whether it inherited a genetic trait from its mother or its father.

That now seems wrong. Genetic imprinting by mothers and fathers may be responsible for many kinds of cancers and inherited diseases, said Dr. Judith Hall of the University of British Columbia in Canada.

"This is just absolutely mind-boggling," Hall said during a meeting of geneticists at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. "It's a new way of thinking. Nobody believed this stuff until just about now."

She said that only about one-third of inherited diseases are explained by conventional Mendelian genetics.

## The answer

Imprinting may be the answer. For example, children have 23 pairs of chromosomes, and they normally get one set from each parent. But children who mistakenly get two copies of chromosome 7 from their mother and no copy from their father can have severe growth retardation before and after birth.

Conventional genetics says that shouldn't happen — all you need is two good copies of the chromosome, and it shouldn't matter which parent they came from.

In another example, Hall listed, children who get a defective copy of chromosome 15 from their fathers and a normal one from their mothers can inherit a disease called Prader-Willi Syndrome, marked by muscle disorders and extreme obesity.

Children, who get a defective copy of chromosome 15 from their mothers and a normal one from their fathers, get an entirely different disease. It is called Angelman Syndrome and is marked by bizarre, inappropriate laughter and jerky movements.

Hall's hypothesis is that the defective chromosome 15 from the father had a different genetic imprint than the defective chromosome 15 from the mother.

John Shire, a geneticist at the University of Essex in England, said experiments with mice also have shown evidence of imprinting.

Genetic engineering can be used, for example, to create a fertilized mouse egg that has two sets of normal material chromosomes and no paternal chromosomes.

The egg has the appropriate number of chromosomes, but its development is severely arrested. The egg develops into a foetus when implanted into a mouse, but it does not produce a healthy placenta, and the embryo dies.

When researchers make a mouse egg with two sets of normal paternal chromosomes, the placenta develops nicely but the foetus doesn't, and again it dies.

"It takes a set from mom and a set from dad in animals to be viable," said Hall.

This seems to be true only in mammals, not in birds or other animals, she said.

Cancer research has shown that in some cases losing a chromosome from a mother is more likely to cause cancer than losing a chromosome from a father.

In most spontaneously arising cases of a kidney cancer called Wilms Tumour and a bone cancer called Osteosarcoma, a mother's chromosome has been lost, not a father's.

Researchers do not know why imprinting occurs. One guess is that it has something to do with allowing a foetus to grow inside a mother — a phenomenon peculiar to mammals — without being rejected or taking over the mother's body, Hall said.

## Sex survey funds rejected

## Committee just says no

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): The House Appropriations Committee has refused to finance a planned survey of the intimate details of the sex lives of Americans aimed at helping scientists better understand how AIDS spreads.

Yesterday, the panel slashed \$11 million from President George Bush's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, money that would have paid for the survey.

The project "does not appear to be an appropriate use of public funding," the committee said.

In a report accompanying the \$155.2 billion appropriations bill for the health and human services, labour and education departments and for other agencies, the committee said: "If such a survey is necessary, it should be supported with non-governmental funds."

The bill is headed for the House of Representatives floor and then to the Senate.

The pilot survey that had been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget proposed to ask participants when they last had sex, what they did and whether their partner was a man or woman.

The study prompted scientists to caution that former smokers should cut caffeine intake immediately after quitting to avoid exacerbating the symptoms associated with withdrawal from tobacco.

The study, led by Dr. Neal Benowitz, chief of clinical pharmacology at San Francisco General Hospital and reported in the New York Times yesterday, said that while smokers tend to drink

more coffee than non-smokers, they clear it from their systems faster.

Yet when people quit smoking they generally fail to cut their caffeine intake, prompting them to build up high levels of caffeine, according to the study.

Dr. Benowitz said it was believed that the tar in cigarettes assisted the liver in breaking down caffeine at a faster rate than normal, causing smokers to require more than twice the amount of caffeine as non-smokers to attain the same stimulus.

The study further showed that a failure to reduce caffeine consumption after quitting smoking can exacerbate symptoms of tobacco withdrawal.

# Swedes trying to control drinking

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 26, (AP): The crowds begin to gather at noon on Friday. By 3 p.m. customers are spilling into the street.

By closing time, at 6 p.m., the waiting lines run into the hundreds as people try to buy their weekend supplies of wine, beer or hard liquor at the state-run store.

It's not a matter of shortage, but of government attempts to make drinking difficult — and to make a lot of money in the process.

"Swedes have a hedonistic way of drinking. It's part of the northern culture," said Hans Klette, a law professor at Lund University.

"We drink in the Scandinavian way — not too often, but a lot. We drink more to get intoxicated than in other countries," said Bjorn Hibell, director of the Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and other Drugs, a semi-independent group.

"Though governments try to control it, at the same time they profit from it through taxes that boost the price to the customer to 10 times the cost."

In Sweden, Finland and Norway alcohol is sold legally only in state stores at government-set prices. Only the Soviet Union has a similar system in Europe.

Prices are meant to be prohibitive. Finland raised liquor prices twice last year to discourage heavy drinkers, pushing up the cost of a bottle of scotch to the equivalent of \$36.40. Sales dipped briefly, but quickly returned to normal.

Sweden's parliament is considering legislation to reduce the level of alcohol tolerated for drivers to virtually nil. The legal limit in Scandinavia already is lower than in most of Europe, at 0.05 per cent alcohol in the blood.

Courts in the three countries link fines for drunken driving to an offender's income. A Norwegian lawyer was assessed a record fine this year after failing a breathalyzer test in a spot road check: \$16,000.

Compared with other countries, alcohol consumption per person is relatively low — Finland rates 26th in the world, Sweden is 31st and Norway is 33rd.

But Scandinavians rarely have a casual glass of wine with dinner, a cold beer to quench a hot thirst, or a pre-dinner aperitif.

"A small percentage of the people, maybe 10 per cent, drink about half the alcohol sold," said Hibell.

Drinking is ingrained in national customs, from the protocol of a formal evening party to the celebrations of Crayfish Day, which falls on Aug. 10.

On that day, Swedes wear party hats, sing boisterous drinking songs and plunder a bowl of the small lobster-like crayfish. Custom dictates that each glass is washed down with a glass of Schnapps. About 20 crayfish make a meal.

The culture of alcohol may have its origins in the chilly climate and the long dreary winters. The Vikings were said to have an affinity for mead and other strong drink. Some social observers say the normally shy Scandinavians need alcohol to open up.

As early as the 18th century Sweden's King Gustav III saw liquor as a main source of income, and urged drinking as an act of patriotism. In the 19th century, Swedish companies often paid their workers in booze.

The cheapest scotch is sold in Sweden at \$24 for a fifth (75 cts), and for \$32 in Norway. In Finland, a bottle of good 12-year-old scotch is now up to \$60.

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# Pretty as a picture at 62

## 'La Lollo' now behind the camera

ROME, July 26. (Reuters): Gina Lollobrigida pointed to the photographs that cover the walls of a stairway in her house and a flash of pride lit up her famous soft brown eyes.

The shots are not, as one might expect, mementos of "La Lollo" herself in "Trapeze" or "Woman of Straw", films that made the sultry Italian cinema star an international byword for beauty and glamour in the 1950s and 60s.

There is one of a black South African gold miner, another of a New York tramp and many, many more that are all Lollobrigida's own work.

"Photography is my life. For me it is the luxury in life. The rest, the movies, is work. I work for the photography," Lollobrigida, 62, said in an interview.

"In a movie you have to serve the public but when you become mature and you can say 'to hell with the rest of the world I want to do what I feel' that is the best in life," she said of her approach to photography.

Lollobrigida has had a rich and sometimes tempestuous career of some 60 cinema roles in Europe and the United States in four decades of acting, but photography has played a growing role in her life since the early 1970s.

It has changed from hobby to profession and she has a fully-equipped darkroom and studio in the cellar of her home in Rome.

Her first major project, a book called "Italia Mia", was published in 1971 as a personalised view of Lollobrigida's Italy through predominantly black-and-white photographs.

Instantly recognisable, she had to take to the streets in disguise for many of Italia Mia's studies, but her lasting recollection is of the book's effect on her.

"I accepted without thinking that it would be a very important step in my life. But when I started the book and I realised how serious photography was, then it was really like when you are having the first love affair," she said.

"Since then I haven't stopped."

Commissions followed for advertising work and another



Lollobrigida is seen at her home in Rome recently. (Reuters wirephoto)

book, a colour study of life in the Philippines.

Her latest project, a book she hopes to call Innocence, will be the result of 10 years of colour shots from around the world of

children and animals painstakingly superimposed by Lollobrigida to create a humorous fantasy playground. A girl twirling a pink umbrella hops on a flamingo in one mon-

tage, children ride on a giraffe's neck in another and a boy and a leopard cheekily poke out their tongues from behind a tree. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to charity.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

LOS ANGELES: J.R. Ewing will have a new "bad girl" to contend with this season: Blond actress Kimberly Foster, who will play a vixen on Dallas.

Foster said she screamed in delight when told she had the part on the CBS television show.

"It's scary going into a show that's been going for 12 years. It's kind of like I've been invited to a really big party where you don't know any of the guests," said Foster, who will be relatively new to prime-time audiences.

In an unusual step, her name will appear in the main titles.

"You always need someone to stir up the pot," said executive producer Leonard Katzman. "And everybody loves a bad girl."

Other newcomers to the long-running series: Sasha Mitchell as a well-built man who may be J.R.'s son; and Elizabeth Taylor's son Michael Wilding as a powerful art gallery owner. (AP).

STOCKHOLM, Sweden: Former tennis star Bjorn Borg is finding his touch may not be as deft from the boardroom as from the baseline.

Borg said he refused an offer of \$4.6 million in capital to rescue his struggling fashion business, which was built on an estimated \$75 million in earnings from his 10-year tennis career.

Borg, 33, said he turned down the money to help Bjorn Borg Design Group because it meant surrendering financial control of his companies.

Borg said he was negotiating other financing to keep his business afloat. His business produces a line of designer fashions, fragrances, shoes and accessories, and has real estate interests in Sweden.

Lars Skarke, who has a 25 per cent stake in Borg's companies, said the group is in dire need of cash to meet orders. (AP).

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, California: A "tired and sore" paraplegic ranger determined to conquer Yosemite's famed 3,000-foot (914 m) El Capitan Granite Monolith expected to reach the top today.

Mark Wellman, 29, who has been confined to a wheelchair since being paralyzed from the waist down in a 50-foot (15-m) fall in the John Muir Wilderness outside the park in 1982, would be the first paraplegic to scale the face of El Capitan.

He is a naturalist lecturer at the park and director of Yosemite's access programme for the handicapped.

Wellman and fellow climber Mike Corbett had hoped to reach the top by Tuesday when they began their difficult trek up the western face of the giant slab of granite July 19. (UPI).

MENTOR, Ohio: A training camp ball boy for the Cleveland Browns won a trip to London with a stunt the British would hardly understand, though it seemed perfectly "cricket" to him.

Kevin Gerrach ate a breakfast of 107.9 live crickets to win contest sponsored by radio station WPHR, FM-107.9, to see who could perform the most outlandish feat to qualify for the London trip.

Gerrach won crickets down, and will travel to England to see the Browns play the Philadelphia Eagles in an exhibition game Aug 6 at Wembley Stadium. (UPI).

AVON, Massachusetts: In a unique twist on liquor licensing, a popular bar was told to scrap plans for a booze-free night until the tavern's owners met with town officials.

"I almost fell over backwards. I couldn't believe they'd want you serving liquor seven days a week," said Chris Martin, manager of Shooters on Route 28, which had planned to serve only juice and soft drinks on Monday night.

Instead, a hand-delivered letter from the police chief told Martin to delay plans to turn off the beer taps for a night until after he met with town selectmen. (UPI).

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: James and David Taggart, former aides to disgraced television Evangelist Jim Bakker, were found guilty yesterday of charges that they evaded more than \$525,000 in income taxes.

US district court Judge Robert Putters set Aug 25 as a tentative sentencing date. Each brother could be sentenced to 25 years in prison and they could be fined more than \$1 million. They will remain free on bond.

In closing arguments Monday, the brothers' lawyer had argued that they had received more than \$1 million funds from Bakker's PTL Ministry with the approval of Bakker, who eventually resigned amid a sex and money scandal. (AP).

ATLANTA: An album that former Beatle Ringo Starr says he's unhappy with won't come out this week after all. A superior court judge has halted its release while a judge for the rock star and a Memphis producer try to settle the issue.

Judge Ralph Hicks continued a temporary order blocking the release for 30 days during a hearing on Tuesday in Superior Court in Fulton County.

Starr had obtained the order on Monday, after he said he didn't like his drum performances and wanted to redub them before the album's release.

Starr also balked at paying \$146,239 to prevent CRS Records of College Park, Tennessee, and Memphis producer Chips Moman from releasing the recordings, which Starr made in February and April 1987.

Moman had requested \$100,000 Starr offered in an effort to resolve the matter.

Lawyers for both sides negotiated that point for about two hours but failed to agree on a payment. Hicks instructed Starr's attorneys to deposit the money in escrow with the court until a settlement is reached.

INDIANAPOLIS, Paula Gwynn, a 6-foot-2 (1.88-metre) television producer and professional model from Washington, D.C., is the new Miss Black America.

Miss Gwynn, 22, was selected from among 46 contestants representing 37 states in the 21st annual pageant.

Elaine Jayner, 28, Columbia, North Carolina, was second; Raquel Estroza, 19, Mansfield, Ohio was third, and Tiffany Williams, 20, Abbeville, Louisiana, was fourth.

The pageant, held in conjunction with the annual Indiana Black Expo, involved judging in swimsuit, public speaking and talent competitions. (AP).

NICE, France: An amorous donkey castrated by a French film star Brigitte Bardot because it was bothering her animals has been returned home, its owner said yesterday.

Charly, taken in by Bardot while owner Jean-Pierre Manivet was away from home, would be examined by a veterinary surgeon to see if damages could be claimed. Manivet's lawyer told Reuters.

Manivet, who lives next door to Bardot near the southern French resort of Saint-Tropez, has accused France's best-known animal rights campaigner of castrating the donkey without asking his permission. (Reuters).

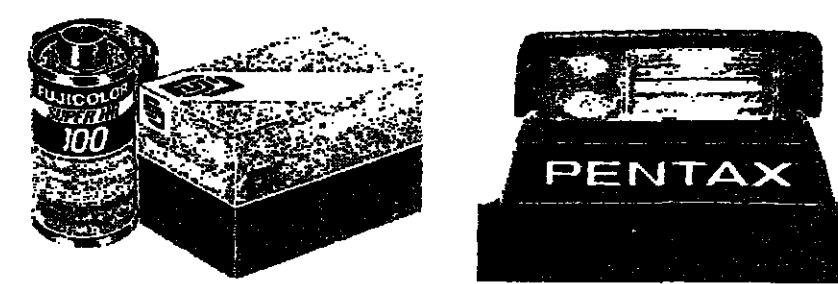
NORTH BELLMORE, New York: A naked intruder found napping on a couch by a startled homeowner was arrested by police, who said he allegedly broke into the woman's house searching for food and became drowsy.

Todd Colombo, 22, apparently was feeling hungry, hot and weary as he walked down Norwood Avenue in 90-degree (32C) weather Monday in the Long Island town of North Bellmore. The man decided to eat, cool off and rest in the home of Laura Hopkins, Nassau county police said.

He allegedly forced his way through the front screen door and headed for the refrigerator, police said. (UPI).

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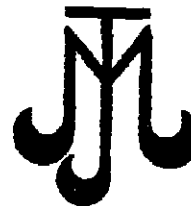
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# House plans budget-slashing attack on Stealth

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP) The Democratic-controlled House is launching a budget-slashing attack against the Stealth bomber, saying the radar-evading aircraft is too expensive.

Deep cuts by the House in the Stealth programme would set up an eventual conflict with the Senate, which voted 98-1 yesterday to back the \$500-million B-2 bomber if it meets flight test and radar-evasion standards.

The Senate amendment trimmed President George Bush's \$2.1 billion Stealth request by a relatively modest \$300 million, a reduction already endorsed by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Meanwhile, the House, controlled by the opposition Democratic Party, was clearly in a budget-cutting mood yesterday. It voted to reduce by nearly \$2 billion Bush's \$4.9 billion request for the Strategic Defence Initiative, a space-based missile defence system nicknamed "Star Wars."

The House scheduled votes on three alternatives for the future of the Stealth programme. The first would accept an \$800 million cut made by the House Armed Services Committee.

A second would scrap the programme after this year, allowing only the 13 bombers already in production to be completed. That would represent a \$40 billion cut in anticipated total spending.

A third amendment, which House Speaker Thomas Foley said would likely prevail, calls on the administration to propose a cheaper programme than the Bush administration's \$70 billion plan to build 132 Stealth bombers. It would limit the number of planes built to two bombers in 1990 and 1991 instead of the eight sought by the administration.

The House also was to consider amendments to eliminate the MX mobile missile and the competing single-warhead Midgetman missile.

Congressman John Rowland, a Republican, said lobbying by the White House, the Air Force and Northrop Corp., manufacturer of the Stealth, has diminished chances that the programme will be scuttled.

"It's tough when the President weighs in," Rowland said.

He said that he is counting on only 130 to 140 votes in the 435-member House for his bill to scrap the Stealth bomber.



Co-pilot Dudley J. Dvorak, 51, puts his hand on the shoulder of United Airlines Flight 232 pilot Al C. Haynes during a press conference following a remark by a reporter that Haynes is a hero. (Reuters wirephoto)



Battered and bruised, United Airlines Pilot Al C. Haynes, 57, speaks with the press Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pilot makes best of a bad situation

SIoux CITY, Iowa, July 26, (AP) The pilot of United Flight 232 said yesterday that there was no procedure to handle the complete hydraulic failure that caused the plane to crash, so the crew "made it up as we went along."

Capt Al C. Haynes said the plane's seasoned crew made the best of a bad situation and that he never worried about the plane crashing. The crippled plane crashed while attempting to land at Sioux Gateway airport.

"We have a lot of experience here and it showed up in the cockpit," Haynes, 57, told reporters at a news conference shortly before his release from a hospital. "There is no substitute, as far as I am concerned, for experience."

Haynes, who has been a United pilot for 33 years, was wheeled into the news conference

### Pilots make unscheduled landings at airports

NEWARK, New Jersey, July 26, (AP) A Continental Airlines DC-9 skidded to an emergency landing last night at Newark International Airport after a hydraulic failure, but none of the 89 people aboard was injured, officials said.

In another incident yesterday, a United Airlines pilot who thought his jet had lost its hydraulic system switched to a backup system and diverted the plane to a landing at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Continental Flight 354 from Chicago to Newark made the emergency landing shortly after 8 pm (000 GMT), said Vincent Bonaventura, the general manager of the airport.

The plane ended up perpendicular to the runway after using about three-quarters of the runway, port authority officials said.

The flight's 82 passengers, who were told to brace themselves for the emergency landing, went down an emergency ladder from the plane along with the seven crew members.

Passengers said they were shaken, particularly because of last week's accident in Iowa when a United jetliner crashed after a complete failure of its hydraulic system, which enables the pilot to steer the plane.

"I realised I didn't want to die this way," passenger Trent Webb said. "In the second incident, United Flight 275, en route from Chicago to Houston's Hobby Airport, made its landing at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport late yesterday afternoon, the airline said.

"It was not an emergency landing, it was a precautionary landing," said United spokeswoman Sara Dornacker.

The Boeing 737 was carrying 64 passengers, two pilots and three flight attendants. None was injured, she said.

"I had lost all of our hydraulics... When I asked Dudley what the procedure was, he said we didn't have one. So we made it up as we went along."

At the start of the news conference, Haynes thanked rescuers and the crew of the plane

for their help in the disaster. He also had a message for those who lost loved ones in the flight.

"To the families and their friends, I would like to say that this crew... is dedicated to finding the cause of this accident, so that it may never happen again," he said.

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Bumpers ridiculed the concept that the provision will lead to the creation of 48,000 new jobs a year.

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## Visas may be for sale in US

WASHINGTON, July 26, (UPI) For the first time, Congress may sell citizenship in the United States, one of the greatest and most sought after treasures.

The cost — \$1 million.

Impossible? Not at all. The Senate has already included citizenship-for-sale in the recently passed immigration bill and possibly only wide-scale revision in the House can prevent this proposal from becoming law.

Specifically, the Senate bill would grant visas for permanent residence in the United States, which after five years leads to citizenship, to anyone who invests \$1 million in an enterprise providing new jobs for 10 people for two years.

The bill would limit the number of citizens-millionaires to 4,800 a year for the next three years, which is a tiny fraction of the 630,000 a year openings provided in the bill.

But there are, right now:

- 27,785 adult sons and daughters of US citizens waiting to rejoin their parents.
- 402,221 spouses and unmarried sons and daughters of permanent residents on the waiting list.
- 133,266 married sons and daughters of US citizens who cannot get into the country and won't under the Senate bill.
- 1,469,231 brothers and sisters of adult US citizens who will not get into the country for a long, long time.

Yet, if any of them have \$1 million, they could get off the waiting list and book passage for a lifetime in the United States.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Student shot:** A University of Washington student and her boyfriend were fatally shot on campus yesterday, and the woman's former boyfriend was being held in the case, authorities said.

John Lombardini, an investigator in the county medical examiner's office, identified the dead couple as Marjan Mohseninia, 18, and Ebrahim or Abraham Sharif-Kashani, 27, both of Seattle.

Sharif had just graduated from Seattle Pacific University, held degrees in chemistry and biology and was trying to enter the UW Medical School, Lombardini said.

**Rights curb:** The right of silence has been abused in criminal cases and should be restricted, a government advisory panel said yesterday.

"It is wrong that offenders — usually the more intelligent and serious offenders — should be able to manipulate the criminal justice system to their own advantage, either to escape conviction entirely or to delay and obstruct the judicial process," said the report of the Right of Silence Working Party.

Last year, the Northern Ireland criminal evidence order allowed courts to draw adverse inference if a defendant refused to answer questions. The order was specifically intended to combat terrorism in the province. (AP)

**Bomber crashes:** A World War II B-17 bomber crashed in flames during the making of a film in Britain yesterday but an Air Force spokesman said all 10 people aboard survived.

The US-built flying fortress was taking off from a disused air base in Bishopton, eastern England, when it hit a tree, crashed through a fence and came to rest in a cornfield.

The spokesman said the aircraft broke up but "miraculously, 10 people got out alive." All were taken to hospital but none was seriously injured.

The flying fortress was one of five featured in David Puttnam's picture about the B-17 nicknamed "Memphis Belle," which flew 25 wartime missions. (Reuters)

**Funds approved:** The Senate appropriations committee yesterday approved \$225 million, including the first construction money for the super-conducting supercollider, and sent the measure to the Senate floor.

"I think this now virtually guarantees that we will have funds for starting construction Oct 1," said Senator Phil Gramm, a member of the panel that approved the measure on a voice vote.

"We've cleared the largest hurdle that we'll face in making the SSC a reality," Gramm said. (UPI)

**Short-circuit:** Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives moved yesterday to short-circuit President Bush's proposed constitutional amendment against flag desecration by unexpectedly scheduling a Wednesday committee vote on a competing bill Bush says is inadequate.

With little notice, the Democratic-led judiciary committee set the vote on a bill introduced Monday by Rep. Jack Brooks, the panel's chairman, and Rep. Don Edwards, the head of a subcommittee that has been holding hearings on the issue.

Committee approval is expected and House Speaker Thomas Foley said yesterday the full House might act on the measure as early as next week, before lawmakers begin a summer recess. (UPI)

**Woman detained:** A woman angered over the dismissal of a rape charge shot and critically wounded the man she had accused, police said today.

Elizabeth Gooden, 26, was being held without bail for investigation of attempted murder. Her brother, Leroy Gooden, 31, was booked on the same charge for allegedly fleeing the scene of the shooting with the gun, police said.

Wilson Picquet, 38, who lived in the same apartment complex as the couple, was taken to a hospital condition at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre, said police detective John Bunch.

Ms Gooden told police on Friday that she had been raped by Picquet after a night of drinking in his apartment, Bunch said. Picquet was booked for investigation of rape the same day.

**Thousands evacuated:** Forest fires burning out of control in northern areas have chased more people from their homes in Ontario, while in Manitoba, about 19,000 fire evacuees settled into safer surroundings.

The fires have consumed more than 1.5 million hectares (3.7 million acres) in northern Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario. Smoke drifted as far as Labrador.

Light rain yesterday cooled some fires but lightning started a few more. Additional rain was expected today.

Military planes and trains finished moving people out of fire-stricken areas of Manitoba. (AP)

**Exxon to return:** Exxon Corp., in an effort to rebuff criticism, insisted it would return to the site of the nation's worst oil spill but stopped short of making a commitment to further cleanup.

A July 19 internal memo to Exxon oil spill managers, which was quoted in media reports Monday, suggested that the oil company's cleanup crews would leave Alaska for good after shutting down for the winter.

At a hastily called news conference in Valdez, Alaska, Otto Harrison, general manager for Exxon Valdez operations in Alaska, said yesterday that the memo was not intended to "extend to any other phase of our cleanup." The news conference was relayed by satellite to New York. (AP)

**Rail disaster:** More than 600 passengers, including 181 children, died in last month's rail disaster in the Ural Mountains region when a train derailed from a pipeline set two trains ablaze, the Soviet parliament has been told.

Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Duzhynov told deputies yesterday that 645 of the 1,284 passengers aboard the two trains engulfed in flames near the city of Ufa, had died, about a third in hospital.

A total of 396 had been treated in hospital and released. Thirty-three victims had not been identified.

**2 killed, 2 rescued:** A Navy radar plane crashed on takeoff, killing two of three crewmen, while two other fliers were plucked from the Pacific after their fighter ditched offshore.

The first crash occurred about 5:30 pm (0030 GMT) yesterday Monday at North Island as a twin-engine EA-6B prowler jet used to jam enemy radar was attempting to take off for a training run, military officials said.

"It crashed just as it reached the end of the runway," said Lt. Jack Papp, a Navy spokesman. "There was nothing left. The plane's a complete loss." (AP)



Cristina di Fazio (right) and Caterina Sanesi (left) eat ice cream at the 'Ice Festival' contest in Rome Tuesday. The winner of the contest was Paolo Sicuro. He ate six kg (13 pounds) of ice cream in five minutes and ten seconds. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bush diplomatic choices win approval

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP) Three of President George Bush's ambassadorial nominees, accused by Democrats of having no qualifications except political connections, won narrow approval yesterday from the Senate foreign relations committee.

With Democratic Sen. Charles Robb joining committee Republicans, the panel first voted 10-9 to send to the Senate floor the nomination of Florida real estate developer Joseph Zappala to be ambassador to Spain.

Then, by voice votes, it approved the equally controversial nominations of Florida real estate developer Marvin Sembler to be ambassador to Australia and Della Newman, a Seattle, Washington, real estate broker, to be

ambassador to New Zealand.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, who led the fight against the nominees, vowed to continue the battle on the Senate floor.

"One looks through this resume wondering why this person has been appointed to this position," Sarbanes said of Zappala.

"If we are going to reduce it to that we should put the office up for public auction and put the money in the Treasury to reduce the deficit," Sarbanes said.

In other action the committee routinely gave its approval to the nomination of former child actress Shirley Temple Black to be ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

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# Philippine media air political scandals

## Sexcapades thrill the masses, anger the mighty

MANILA, Philippines, July 26, (AP): As Japan reels from a sex scandal that helped topple a prime minister, the "sexcapades" of Philippine lawmakers are providing Filipinos with what has turned into a political soap opera.

On Monday, Japanese Prime Minister Sotaro Ueno announced he will resign over his party's loss of 33 parliamentary seats due, in part, to public charges Ueno had kept several paid mistresses.

Meanwhile, Philippine newspaper and radio commentators have been titillating their audiences with rumours of affairs by their own senators and members of the house of representatives.

The only casualty so far has been Sen. Orlando Mercado, who resigned this

month as senate majority leader after rumours that he was involved in a sex scandal. Mercado denied the allegations.

Mercado's resignation followed newspaper reports that an undisclosed senator had impregnated the daughter of an upper house colleague.

Last Friday, columnist Julie Yap Daza wrote in the Manila Standard that the latest rumour involved an unnamed woman senator who was having an affair with her chauffeur.

That ranked the two women in the 23-member senate. Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani and Sen. Santanina Rasul demanded an investigation by the senate ethics committee to put a stop to the rumours.

According to another rumour, the

chauffeur of a prominent male senator quit his job because of the pressure of trying to keep track of his boss' multiple mistresses.

In a Roman Catholic country that forbids divorce, keeping mistresses, referred to here as "second wives," is not uncommon. Some prominent figures make little attempt to hide their "second wives."

But some commentators fear the rumours cheapen the institutions of government, which were supposed to have elevated political life after the 1986 ouster of President Ferdinand Marcos.

The obsession with sex scandals also distracts public and legislative attention from pressing national problems such as poverty, the communist insurgency and

the breakdown in law and order.

"The point is that sex gossip about Congress members has become conversation pieces no longer because of their serious moral implications but for their comic relief," wrote Hern Zenoarosa in the Philippines Journal.

Senate President Jovito Salonga has resisted an investigation into his colleagues' sex lives.

Salonga quipped that whatever happens in the bedroom "cannot be considered disorderly except by your mate."

The rumours are fuelled by a Philippine newspaper practice of printing thinly veiled accusations, often with no source at all for the information.



### 70 dead or missing

Heavy downpours, spawned by a seasonal rain front, hit South Korea's southern coastal areas, leaving more than 70 people dead or missing, the national disaster relief agency said today.

The centre in Seoul said that the rains, which measured up to 16.5 inches (41 centimetres) in two days, also had left 24,000 people homeless, disrupted air, land and sea traffic and communications and flooded vast farmlands.

Officials predicted the death toll would continue to rise as rain kept falling in the affected areas.

As of noon (0500 GMT) today, the centre said 36 people were confirmed killed and 37 others were missing. Newspapers, using their own networks of information, reported at least 82 people were either killed or missing and more than 51,000 people were left homeless.

Centre officials said some 7,880 homes and buildings were inundated or

destroyed and that property losses, including damaged farm crops, highways and other public facilities, were estimated at \$10 million.

Most of the homeless were taken to schools, churches and other makeshift shelters, and the government rushed in blankets, food and other relief supplies, the officials said.

Hardest hit was South Cholla province where an estimated 13 inches (33 centimetres) of rain fell on Monday and Tuesday, the officials said. Thirty people were killed and 29 others were reported missing in that area.

Most of the victims were killed in landslides or drowned in rain-swollen creeks or rivers, they said.

Picture shows a high school building and nearby residential areas are under water in Cholla province. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Im faces arrest on return

SEOUL, South Korea, July 26, (AP): A South Korean radical student, visiting Communist North Korea without her government's permission, prepared today to return home across the heavily militarised border and face arrest.

Pyeongyang Radio broadcasts, monitored in Tokyo, said the student, Im Su-Kyong, arrived in North Korea's border town of Kaesong yesterday.

She has said she plans to return home tomorrow, the 36th anniversary of the 1953 ceasefire that ended the three-year Korean war, in a gesture for Korean reunification.

A group of Roman Catholic priests in Seoul said a South Korean priest had flown to North Korea to escort Miss Im, a Catholic, across the border.

The North Korean broadcasts said the 20-year-old co-ed planned to cross through Panmunjom, a truce village inside the four-kilometre-wide (2.5-mile) demilitarised zone that separates the two Koreas.

Government officials said Miss Im would be arrested as soon as she crossed into South Korea and flown to Seoul, 56 kilometres (35 miles) away, by helicopter.

She faces a prison term of up to seven years under the national security law.

Authorities said about 20,000 police would be deployed in Seoul and along the road leading to Panmunjom to block possible anti-government protests or attempts by radical students and dissidents to march to the border to greet Miss Im.

Radical students vowed to hold major anti-government demonstrations timed with the border crossing. They said 30 student leaders would try to travel to the border to greet Miss Im, who they hailed as "a national unification heroine."

Miss Im, a student at Seoul's Hankook University of Foreign Studies, travelled to North Korea via Tokyo and East Germany, arriving in Pyongyang on June 30 to attend the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students there July 1-8.

## Association marries off women

### Fight against dowries

NEW DELHI, July 26, (UPI): At precisely 4 pm each afternoon the whitewashed halls of Shaheed Bhawan echo with the giggles and shrieks of laughter of more than 200 young women pouring from its classrooms.

Among them are Reshma Pano and her friend Ganga, two teenagers learning secretarial skills and dreaming about husbands.

"I am hoping mine will be quite good-looking," confessed Ganga, a precocious 16-year-old who does not know her last name and was sold into bonded labour by her parents when she was 6.

"I don't care about looks. I want mine to have a good job," chided Pano, who was turned out of her home by impoverished parents.

Most women like Ganga and Reshma Pano would be doomed in India to lonely lives of brutal poverty or prostitution.

But through the efforts of Virsha Mohini Giri, the two may soon be among the tiny minority of Indian women able to marry without dowries and not be bound to a husband for economic support.

As director of the War Widows Association, Giri has singlehandedly married off more than 800 "daughters" in mass ceremonies featuring as many as 20 couples at once, clergy from India's major religions, and most unorthodox of all, no dowries.

Giri originally created the association to honour the dead and requests of Indian soldiers killed in the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war.

"These men were dying in my arms, and their only wish was that someone care for the loved ones they left behind," said Giri, who worked as a volunteer nurse during the war.

Her father-in-law, V.V. Giri, was then India's president, and Giri sold him on her idea for an organisation to care for the widows and daughters of dead soldiers. The group seeks to help the women through job training, remarriage, or both.

The government has funded the association ever since, and the group has expanded its services to any women in need of help.

The diminutive silver-haired grandmother now oversees a training school, a hostel for 25 homeless women, and a marriage service that matches her wards with men willing to dispense with a dowry.

Each woman referred by social workers is provided Rs250 (about \$16) by the government for training as a beautician, nursery school teacher, seamstress, secretary or computer operator. Additional funds come from handicraft sales and private donations.

These are radical ideas in a culture in which many parents pay huge sums to arrange the marriages of daughters and widows are traditionally shunned and forbidden to remarry.

Women have historically suffered acute discrimination in India, where they are still perceived as economic burdens to be borne first by fathers and later by husbands.

The dowry was officially banned in 1961. But experts say the custom is still widely practiced, with parents buying future security for their daughters with cash, jewelry, household appliances and even motorcycles and cars.

Even so, hundreds of young wives are murdered or driven to suicide every year by greedy husbands and in-laws who demand additional dowry payments.

Fear of dowry obligations has led some middle class urban couples to test for the sex of unborn fetuses and, in 99 per cent of the cases, aborting those that are female.

Giri said Indian marriage customs help perpetuate the caste system and class stratification as parents seek to marry their children within their own socioeconomic group.

"Lots of people now want to see India become a more integrated society," Giri said. "We even have some upper-class men who come who want to marry someone outside their strata, want to do things differently from the traditional way."

The War Widows Association introduces prospective couples, allowing them to make the decision to marry themselves.

Once betrothed, a couple is provided with gifts, from the bride's festive red and gold wedding saree to the groom's wristwatch, to linen spoons, a bicycle and a sewing machine.

After the wedding, social workers monitor the couple's progress. Other services available include family planning counselling and sterilisation after two or three children.

There has been only one divorce among the couples. But, Giri admitted the statistic is misleading as divorce is not common in India and a troubled couple is more likely just to separate.

The association does have its critics. Ruth Vanita, editor of the feminist magazine "Manushi" and an ardent opponent of the dowry, called it "a big racket."

"Only drunkards, criminals, handicapped, men who cannot marry normally would be available. The screening process is not adequate, and very often the woman is treated with contempt and the marriage breaks down," Vanita charged.

She agreed, however, with the association's pursuit of economic independence for women.

"The dowry system will persist as long as women are seen as burdens on their fathers and brothers and therefore have no leverage," she said.

## LDP to face joint opposition on tax

TOKYO, July 26, (Agencies): Four major non-communist opposition parties, encouraged by a dramatic election victory, agreed to combine forces to challenge the ruling Liberal Democratic Party on a bill to abolish a controversial sales tax, the Japan Socialist Party said today.

The Liberal Democrats suffered the worst setback in their 34-year history in the Sunday election for the upper house of the Diet, or parliament, losing its majority in the chamber and forcing Prime Minister Sotaro Ueno to announce his resignation to take responsibility for the party's defeat.

The five major opposition parties, several smaller parties and 15 independents now hold the majority in the upper house, but the question remains as to whether they can co-operate on a legislative agenda or will be divided by long-held ideological differences.

"The election results clearly showed that the people were opposed to the sales tax and we have agreed to introduce a bill in the next extraordinary session of the Diet to abolish the tax," a spokesman for the Socialist Party, the largest opposition group, said.

Joining the JSP will be the Komeito (clean government party), the Democratic Socialist Party and the Social Democratic Union.

The spokesman said another opposition party, the newly formed Rengo, which is supported by Japan's largest labour federation, is expected to join in sponsoring the legislation.

The combined strength of the five opposition groups totals 107 against 109 for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in the upper house of the parliament.

The JSP official said the Communist Party, which holds 14 seats in the upper house, would vote for the bill in view of its campaign pledge to seek abolition of the sales tax.

The parliamentary law calls for an extraordinary Diet session to be held within 30 days after the election.

While the opposition map out their strategy on policies, the LDP, which has held the majority in both houses of the Diet since its founding in 1955, was in a process of selecting a successor of Ueno.

The Liberal Democrats are hoping to find a candidate who can win support of the opposition parties to facilitate his election in the Diet.

The three per cent sales tax, the first of its kind in Japan, was the key issue in the upper house election. The tax was forced by the LDP through parliament last December amid a boycott by opposition parties.

"We are optimistic that our bill will be passed by the upper chamber and sent to the lower house," said the JSP spokesman. "In such a case, the LDP will be thrown into a delicate position, and they may be forced to dissolve the lower house and call a general election."

The LDP holds an absolute majority of 293 seats in the 512-seat lower house. It has refused opposition demands to dissolve the chamber and call a general election.

Recent newspaper polls said the LDP would lose its majority in the chamber if a general election is held in the near future.



Pilot Ricardo Misa (right) and Co-Pilot Generoso Bautista of the ill-fated Philippine Airlines jet which overshot the runway, take oaths during the formal investigation Wednesday in Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Pilot ignored warnings'

## Probe of Manila crash

MANILA, July 26, (AP): An airport official insisted today the pilot of a Philippine Airlines plane that overshot a runway and plowed across a busy highway, killing eight people, ignored last-minute warnings to abort his landing.

Control tower supervisor Rodolfo Flores renewed the charge in an interview before testifying at a closed-door investigation of last Friday's air crash.

The plane had come from the southern Philippine city of Zamboanga.

Flores, who was on duty at the time, said controllers in the tower spotted the plane after it already had passed at least 3,000 feet (909 metres) of the 11,000-foot (3,333-metre) runway.

"It appeared to be flying level to the runway at 150

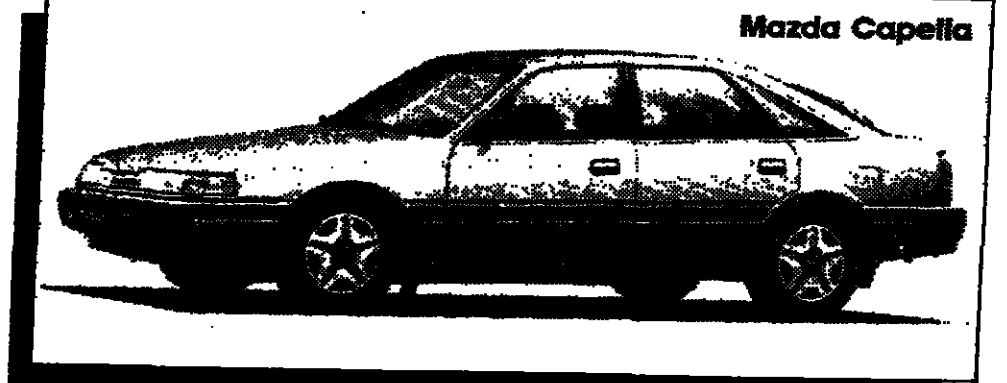
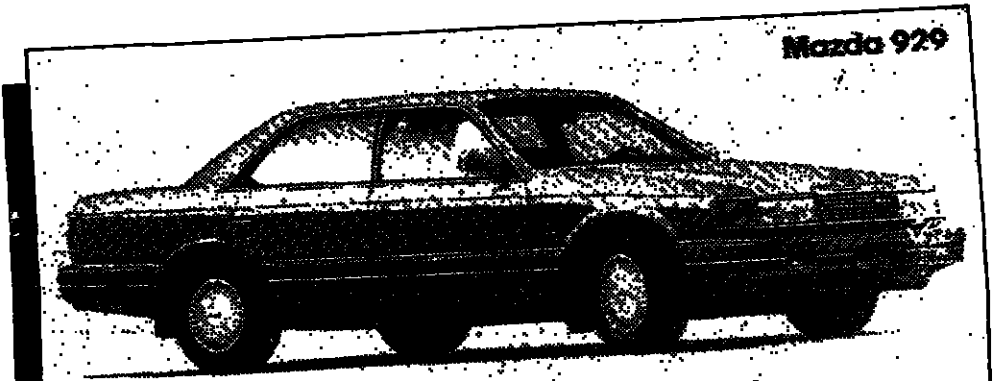
feet (46 metres)," Flores said. Controllers thought the pilot, Capt. Ricardo Misa, was aborting the landing "so the tower told the pilot to continue," he said.

When the plane instead descended further, "the advice was changed to 'execute the misapproach' or to abort touchdown," Flores said. "All the time the pilot was not acknowledging our advice."

Flores said the plane touched down barely 3,000 feet (909 metres) from the end of the runway.

Philippine airline officials and the pilot, whose lawyer requested the hearings be conducted behind closed doors, have declined to comment on the allegations.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Forest fire

ATHENS, Greece, July 26, (AP): Firefighters battled today to control a blaze that destroyed about 1,300 acres (526 hectares) of pine forests in the mountains bordering the capital, government officials said.

The fire began yesterday in the Mount Parnitha reserve. "The blaze is confined to a ravine in the region of Kleiston Monastery, which it passed without causing damage, and land forces are preparing to confront it," said Anastasios Jazos of the government firefighting joint ministerial body.

## Firefighters battle

AVEIRO, Portugal, July 26, (AP): Firefighters on the ground and in the air battled large-scale forest fires that blazed in northern Portugal today. Several firemen were overcome by heat and fumes as 15 firefighting teams fought a blaze that swept across the Serra Do Arenal, near Aveiro, 250 kilometres (150 miles) north of Lisbon, the Portuguese news agency LUSA reported.

LUSA said the blaze started yesterday and was still raging out of control today. An airborne firefighting division was called in from nearby Viseu to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby villages.

## Food poisoning

LONDON, July 26, (KUNA): A new outbreak of the food poisoning bacterial salmonella has killed two people in north west England, health officials disclosed today.

A further 75 people are suspected to be infected by the outbreak, many of whom are being treated in hospital.

The source of the outbreak has been traced to three food shops and butchers in the Cheshire, Liverpool and north Wales areas. Health officials have warned people not to eat certain types of cooked meats.

## Bishops appointed

VATICAN CITY, July 26, (AP): Pope John Paul II today appointed four bishops in Czechoslovakia, marking another breakthrough in Vatican relations with the Soviet bloc.

The appointments were made after years of negotiations with Czechoslovakia's Communist government, which maintains rigid control on organised religion.

Last week, Pope's special envoy for Eastern Europe, Archbishop Francesco Cossentino, took part in the latest in a series of talks in Czechoslovakia.

## Duarte accuses

WASHINGTON, July 26, (UPI): Former Salvadoran President Jose Duarte, stricken with terminal cancer, accused a leader of the ruling Arena Party, Roberto D'Aubuisson, of ordering the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero almost a decade ago.

Duarte also said a rupture has developed between his successor, new President Alfredo Cristiani, and D'Aubuisson, both are members of the Nationalist Republic alliance, known as Arena.

## Thais arrested

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 26, (AP): Two Thai fishermen have confessed to the rape and robbery of a group of Vietnamese boat people in the Gulf of Thailand last month, police said today.

The boat's attackers released three women, but the other 32 Vietnamese who were on the boat still were missing, said Lt Col Prakob Benjapong of the Thai maritime police.

## AIDS suit

TOKYO, July 26, (AP): Seven Japanese AIDS victims filed suit against the Japanese government and five drug firms today, claiming tainted blood products gave them the deadly disease, a court official said.

The suits seek a total of \$50 million yen (\$6.02 million US) in compensation, the official said.

It was the second time that such lawsuits had been filed in Japan by AIDS victims, said the official of the Osaka district court, where both suits were filed.

In May, two haemophiliacs who claimed they had been infected with AIDS brought the first suit.

## Battle for seat

STRASBOURG, France, July 26, (AP): The newly elected members of the European Parliament hardly had time to find their seats today before they fired their first volley in the battle for the assembly's headquarters. Charges of "astounding bribes" were levied at the French government for supplying each of the 518 parliamentarians with an expensive, leather-bound personal organiser, a colour television set, a fax machine and a paginating system.

John Tomlinson, a British socialist, said: "In my vocabulary, there is only one word for this — bribery."

France, Belgium and Luxembourg have been fighting over where the European Parliament should be based for years.

## Bones found

TOKYO, July 26, (AP): Police have found human bones near a large "SOS" spelled out with white birch rods on a northern Japan mountain slope, officials said today.

Two people have been reported missing since 1984 in climbs on the 2,290-metre (7,514-foot) Mount Asahidake, said Sgt. Koichi Kasahara, a spokesman for police on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido.

He said he wouldn't dismiss the possibility that a climber in distress set out the "SOS" but died before any help arrived.

## Bus crash

BEIJING, July 26, (Reuters): A crowded bus ploughed into a cement guardrail in south China last night, killing 13 people and injuring 68, the People's Daily said today.

It said the bus was speeding when it crashed and overturned in Taogjiang County in Hunan province on Saturday.

## Espionage increases in West Germany

BONN, West Germany, July 26, (AP): Counter-intelligence sources say Soviet-bloc espionage is on the increase in West Germany, despite a warning in East-West relations and closer ties between the Kremlin and this front-line NATO nation.

"There was a sharp jump in the espionage activities of the Warsaw Pact nations in 1988, and we have every reason to suspect that it will increase," said Hans-Gert Lange, a spokesman for the Cologne-based Constitutional Protection Office, West Germany's counter-intelligence agency.

West Germany, and especially West Berlin, have been espionage hotbeds since the advent of the cold war.

For more than four decades, the divided city has been the scene of legendary intrigue and furtive spy swaps at the

Berlin Wall, the demarcation line between East and West. Bonn is also a centre of espionage operations, and the sleepy capital on the Rhine River frequently is rocked by spy scandals.

A former government secretary was convicted in May on charges of delivering sensitive information to East German intelligence and the Soviet KGB.

The Constitutional Protection Office has suffered its own scandals. Hans-Joachim Tiedge, one of the agency's top officials, defected to East Germany in 1985. Tiedge was a counter-intelligence agent in charge of tracking down East German spies.

In 1974, former chancellor Willy Brandt was forced to resign after a top aide, Guenter Guillaume, was exposed as

an East-bloc agent.

West German officials are investigating whether senior US diplomat Felix S. Bloch was involved in espionage when he held posts in West Germany in the 1960s and East and West Berlin in the 1970s.

He was reportedly filmed by US officials earlier this year passing a briefcase to a Soviet KGB agent in a European capital. However, Bloch has not been charged with any crime.

Security officials in Bonn, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the threat of espionage has increased since the Soviet Union and other East bloc countries have allowed tens of thousands of people to emigrate to the

West.

Lange said high-tech industry is also "increasingly a target of East bloc espionage activities" in an effort to bridge the technology gap and to get around bans on sale of sophisticated equipment to the Soviet bloc.

The Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies need an infusion of technology to help turn around their failing economies.

Lange and other security officials say evidence is mounting that East bloc agents are increasingly being channeled into West Germany among emigrants from the East.

"There is a definite trend here, although the vast majority of them are not involved," Lange said.



Vietnamese denial

Hong Kong police denied today reports that officers had beaten women, children and old people at a camp for Vietnamese boat people. The government promised a full investigation.

The office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said it had evidence police lashed out with batons at Vietnamese boat people in Sek Kong camp on Sunday as they received aid packages over a barbed wire fence from friends.

Area police commander Richard Smallhouse denied that a considerable number of people had been injured or that police had beaten women, children and the elderly.

"There is no truth in that whatsoever. It has not come to our attention," he told government-run Hong Kong radio.

He said only four people had been injured, and three of those were what he described as minor accidental injuries.

UNHCR officials reiterated today that a substantial number of people had been injured.

Picture shows a Vietnamese boy shades himself from the sun as he waits in a food queue at the Sek Kong refugee camp. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Briton under house arrest

Burma denies claim.

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 26, (AP): Michael Aris, the British husband of Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi who was arrested last week, is under effective house arrest with her, a British Embassy spokesman in Bangkok said today.

Burmese Foreign Minister Ohn Gyaaw denied yesterday that Aris was under detention but said he was not permitted to see British Embassy officials under the terms of his wife's house arrest.

Announcing those terms last Friday, a spokesman for the military government said family members are permitted to leave the residence on Rangoon's University Avenue only under surveillance.

Ohn Gyaaw said Aris had left the residence each morning to visit a monastery. But this could not be independently verified as all telefax and telephone lines to Burma have been cut since shortly before the house arrest Thursday.

"He (Aris) is under house arrest as far as we are concerned. His liberty is being curtailed,"

said a spokesman for the British Embassy in Bangkok, who in accordance with British custom spoke on condition of anonymity.

The spokesman said the Foreign Office had summoned the Burmese ambassador in London and "protested strongly" the treatment of Aris.

"He is a British subject and he has every right to go to the embassy," the spokesman said.

The Foreign Office said Britain's charge d'affaires had been prevented from seeing Aris, an Oxford University professor and expert on Tibet, since he arrived at Rangoon Airport Saturday.

In a message received in Bangkok today, the human rights organisation Amnesty International expressed concern over the detention of Suu Kyi and Tin Oo.

## Released

Burma's military rulers have released nearly 4,000 convicted criminals under a recent amnesty despite continuing martial law, the state newspaper reported today.

Meanwhile, Chinese students in the West are planning a worldwide protest in September to mark 100 days since the military crackdown against Beijing's pro-democracy movement, according to a leading dissident.

## Cambodians to meet again

Baker, Shevardnadze to attend conference

PARIS, July 26, (Agencies): Four warring Cambodian factions who broke off peace talks earlier this week are to meet again tomorrow to ensure a 20-nation conference on Cambodia at the weekend does not start without them.

Resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said today France had asked the four, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and the three guerrilla factions, to try to decide who would represent Cambodia at the international conference.

The issue likely to be a stumbling block at the conference — the role of the radical Khmer Rouge in a future Cambodian government — would not be discussed, he said.

"The meeting is just to solve one problem — the problem of the seating of the Cambodians," Sihanouk told a news conference.

"The resolutions that come out of the conference will not be valid without us," he added.

US Secretary of State James Baker, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Chin-

ese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen are due to attend the Paris conference.

Sihanouk's announcement was greeted with laughter and ironic applause by the assembled journalists. Known as the "mercurial prince," Sihanouk has a reputation for frequently changing his position.

A first session of "round-table" talks broke down yesterday with Cambodian Premier Hun Sen blaming "Khmer Rouge sabotage."

The Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge, Sihanouk's powerful guerrilla partner, is widely blamed for killing more than a million people in its rule of Cambodia from 1975-1979.

Hun Sen, installed in power by Vietnam after its 1979 invasion, refuses to accept Khmer Rouge demands to be included in a provisional government.

A Vietnamese newspaper says US Senate approval of a bill that would open the door to arms supplies for non-communist Cambodian factions was "an outdated and erroneous act."

## Homosexual Aussie spy blackmailed: book

SYDNEY, Australia, July 26, (AP): An Australian secret agent, discovered in a homosexual relationship by Indonesian counter-intelligence, may have been blackmailed into betraying national secrets, according to a book released today.

"Oyster" claims to be the most authoritative account so far of Australia's Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS). It alleges an Australian public relations company used its offices in Asia as a cover for Australian spies.

The book is published by William Heinemann Australia, which also put out "Spycatcher", a

memoir for former British counter-intelligence agent Peter Wright which the British government tried to ban world-wide.

The Australian government tried to suppress "Oyster". The authors said a compromise was reached because the government did not want "another Spycatcher" case on its hands.

ASIS is a top-secret organisation based in Canberra. Its role is overseas espionage.

Authors Brian Toohy and William Pinwell, both well-known and respected Australian jour-

nalists, alleged that ASIS helped the US Central

Intelligence Agency in Chile and helped bolster the Marcos regime in the Philippines.

The book claims the CIA, in late 1983, informed ASIS head John Ryan that one of the services' senior officers had been compromised years earlier by the Indonesian Intelligence Agency, Bakin. Ryan died in 1987.

The book says Bakin "meticulously documented" the homosexual relationship and that in return for not publicising it, the officer agreed to pass on Australian intelligence about the South Pacific.

## Death for two Chinese rioters

BEIJING, July 26, (UPI): A court sentenced two more persons to death today for taking part in riots that followed the brutal military suppression of the pro-democracy movement, an official news report said.

The Beijing evening news said the pair, both peasants, were sentenced to death by the Beijing intermediate court after a public trial for "indulging in violence."

It said Li Wenbao, 20, and Liang Hongchen, 18, "used the period of turmoil and rebellion in Beijing to beat and rob passersby while posing as security personnel."

At least 29 people are confirmed to have been executed for offences linked to violence that followed the military crackdown on the student-led pro-democracy movement. The executions, normally carried out by a bullet to the base of the skull, have provoked an outcry overseas.

The government says about 300 people, half of them soldiers, died on June 3 to end a seven-week-old occupation of Beijing's Tiananmen Square by demonstrators demanding greater democracy. Accounts by witnesses and Western diplomats put the death toll in the thousands.

Almost 3,000 people are confirmed to have been detained in a nation-wide crackdown on supporters of the movement, but thousands more are believed to have been arrested without publicity.

In another move against dissent, a professor at a well-known college in central Anhui province has been fired from senior posts in the provincial party and government education commissions for taking part in the democracy movement, the People's Daily newspaper reported.

Authorities yesterday began interrogating some of the more than 500 Beijing University students who defied martial law regulations imposed May 20 and held the first known political gathering since the military crackdown.

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## Georgian rally seeks freedom

Police seize arms, detain curfew violators

TBILISI, Soviet Union, July 26, (Agencies): More than 20,000 people demanding independence for Georgia rallied for the second consecutive evening in the capital of the southern Soviet republic.

Against a backdrop of anti-Russian posters, the demonstrators gathered outside the colonnaded Academy of Sciences on Tbilisi's main thoroughfare yesterday.

The protest came at the end of a day of mourning in the republic for victims of bloody clashes between Georgians and Abkhazians in which 21 people have been killed. Public buildings were draped in black ribbon throughout Georgia.

Solidarity to wait for power

## Coalition offered

WARSAW, July 26, (Reuters): President Wojciech Jaruzelski offered Solidarity the chance to join a coalition government with one of its members as deputy prime minister, Poland's official newspaper reported today.

But Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, responding during talks with Jaruzelski yesterday, said the movement had the right to form its own government after its election triumph last month and it would now set up a shadow cabinet to await power.

"Jaruzelski presented a proposal to form a government of grand coalition, including a broad representation from the opposition, together with the post of first vice-premier," the dailies said in reports on the meeting.

The Communist Party chief's new job as President gives him the power to name a prime minister. He has also met leaders from the official trade unions and communist-allied parties, including the Peasants' Party, in the search for a government.

Jaruzelski's task has been complicated by a growing rift between the government, communists and Peasants over a scheme to expose food prices to market forces in an attempt to cut subsidies and fill shelves.

Walesa was meeting today with Solidarity parliamentarians to discuss the government question, his talks with Jaruzelski and the economy.

The Peasants' Party backs the government's August 1 deadline for introducing the so-called



Walesa

marketisation programme that would involve enormous price risks for some foodstuffs.

It said after a meeting of its leaders last night the communists' call for a delay to the scheme was simply backing away from its responsibility for inevitable changes and was misleading the public.

Agriculture Minister Kazimierz Oleksiak, a Peasants' Party member, told the communist daily Trybuna Ludu the measures could have been introduced months ago when supplies were better.

Meanwhile, the ruling Communist Party Politburo asked the government to give more details about its plans.

It complained the scheme so far had been poorly explained, leading to fear and a lack of understanding among ordinary Poles who already face long queues for basic commodities.

## Hottest since 1976

## Heat wave hits UK

LONDON, July 26, (AP): It's so hot in Britain that a hedgehog got its overheated snout caught in a water tap, and shrimp are unwanted companions in Cheshire bath tubs.

It's hot enough to fry a cliché on the sidewalk, though it must be said that the sunny-side-up egg commissioned for yesterday's editions of the tabloid Daily Mirror appeared distinctly undercooked and runny.

It was 88 degrees Fahrenheit (31.1 Celsius) in Great Malvern yesterday, a sizzling 86 (30 Celsius) in London.

Last Saturday's high of 93.5 (34.2 Celsius) degrees at Heathrow airport was the hottest temperature recorded on the scattered isle since a 96.6 (35.9) reading on July 3, 1976.

This is the island, Vladimir Nabokov once joked, where spring and summer come nearly every year.

Keep in mind, too, that Britain isn't designed for summer. Commuter trains don't have fans, only windows that provide a cooling breath if the train happens to be moving.

Ice is a rare commodity in stores. Air conditioning is spotty and refrigerators are often puny little things.

It's also been dry, with little in the southwest getting less than one inch (2.5 centimeters) of rain since May.

London tabloids gave the heat great attention.

## Bloch involved with a call-girl

VIENNA, Austria, July 26, (Agencies): Austrian officials plan to release a report soon on the espionage investigation of a senior US diplomat who reportedly had access to top secret information while working in Vienna.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said yesterday that US Ambassador Henry Grunwald told him early in July about the investigation into alleged spying by Felix Bloch, formerly the No. 2 official in the US embassy in Vienna.

The 54-year-old Bloch was placed on leave with pay on June 22. He has surrendered his diplomatic passport and his US State Department credentials, but has not been charged with any crime nor has his travel been restricted.

In another development yesterday, a senior government official said Austrian officials want to question a Vienna woman who had a relationship with Bloch.

## Refused

The Austrian official, who refused to be identified by name, confirmed a newspaper report quoting Interior Ministry officials as saying that Bloch, who is suspected of spying for the Soviets, was involved with a call-girl.

"There is a woman with whom Mr Bloch has maintained a longer relationship in Austria," said the official.

The official told the Associated Press that the woman was on vacation and believed to be out of the country.

"We have no reason to look for her abroad, but when she comes back from her vacation we are going to talk to her to find out whether she had any suspicions (of spying) in any direction," he said.

"She is a source of information for us, but there is nothing pending against her," he said, adding that the woman, who was in her 30s, was an Austrian citizen and a Vienna resident.

He emphasised this was just one of the lines being pursued by the Austrian and American officials investigating the espionage allegations.

ABC News reported from Washington last weekend that during initial questioning by US authorities, Bloch claimed at one point that he spied because he fell into a Soviet sex trap. But the network said investigators have discounted that story.

A former US ambassador told Austrian TV, meanwhile, that Bloch had the same clearance as the ambassador for top secret information and thus also knew the identities of CIA agents in Vienna.

Interior Minister Franz Loesch said today to issue a report on the case in the next few days. Officials of his ministry spoke earlier of an investigation into possible Austrian involvement in the Bloch case.

Vranitzky, speaking yesterday after his regular cabinet meeting, said, "The United States Ambassador (Grunwald) paid a visit to me, I think it was July 7."

He said they agreed to keep quiet about the probe so as not to endanger the investigation against Bloch, who was appointed deputy chief of mission in 1983 by Helmut von Damm when she took over as ambassador.

In an interview with Austrian TV on Monday, Mrs Von Damm said Bloch had had the same top clearance as the ambassador for top secret information and, therefore, also knew the identities of the US secret agents.

Meanwhile, a Republican Congressman, after meeting President George Bush at the White House, said the case highlighted weaknesses in Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) counter-intelligence and Washington's ability to keep tabs on the Soviet KGB.

Newt Gingrich of Georgia, told reporters efforts would be made to push Congress to spend more money in this area. He also said he believed Moscow's efforts to spy on the West had accelerated since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power.

There were news reports yesterday that the Bush administration warned the Soviet Union against trying to help Bloch escape.

## Britons found shaky on their royal history

LONDON, July 26, (AP): For a country still with a monarchy after 12 centuries, Britons are often surprisingly in the dark about their kings and queens, an opinion survey reported today.

Six out of 10 do not know who won the battle of Hastings, the Gallup poll said.

Half of those asked did not know how many wives King Henry VIII had, while three in 10 believe he had more than two.

Six out of 10 could not answer when asked which monarch was beheaded by Parliament,

eight in 10 did not know who was the last King of America and three in 10 could not say who will follow Prince Charles to the throne.

The survey commented that more men than women knew about the more violent aspects of the monarchy, such as beheadings and battles, while more than half the women questioned knew that Queen Elizabeth I was known as the virgin queen, against four in 10 of the men.

Gallup said it interviewed 917 people across the country June 21 to 27 and

ignorance was greatest among the 16 to 24 age group.

The answers: Duke William of Normandy defeated King Harold II at Hastings in 1066 and then had himself crowned King William I in Westminster Abbey. The modern monarchy is dated from William although he was preceded by 17 Saxon and three Danish monarchs.

King Henry VIII had six wives. He divorced two, beheaded two, one died and one outlived him.





Dr Saud Ayash at the project.

## Joint greenhouse project scores double success

Humidity used to boost crops

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

SCIENTISTS working on a joint Kuwaiti-West German greenhouse research project recently scored a double success. They managed to reduce water and energy consumption in one of their greenhouses to about 50 per cent of the amount used in conventional greenhouses, and are now having a bumper crop of tomatoes.

The five-year experiment, which aims to tap solar energy and brackish water, and use unconventional technology, made headway largely through the use of evaporative cooling—a process of converting a large percentage of incoming solar radiation into water vapour.

The scientists found out that crops in one of the three experimental greenhouses where they maintained high humidity were the most successful. Greenhouse cultivation in arid areas is usually based on air-cooling.

"We found that crops need a sauna type of environment to perform well," said Dr Saud Ayash in charge of the project on the Kuwaiti side.

The research, now in its second year, is being funded and conducted jointly by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and the University of Hohenheim, the Federal Republic of Germany.

The three greenhouses in Sulabiya differ in cover material, cooling systems and shading devices to allow an assessment of greenhouse crop cultivation and to determine water

and energy consumption.

The results so far left no doubt that high relative humidity boosts the crops.

To turn solar radiation into water vapour the scientists have installed an evaporation pad in one of the greenhouses. The hot, dry incoming air passes through wet pad cooling the air and causing some of the water in the pad to evaporate. A smaller portion of solar radiation is converted into sensible heat which in turn means that less additional cooling is required.

### Sauna effect

Cooling is responsible for most of the energy consumption in greenhouses. Only about five cubic metres of water are used for water cooling in the greenhouse while energy consumption of 25 KWH can be further reduced with the use of more efficient pumps, said Dr Ayash.

To reinforce the sauna effect the scientists have increased the density of plants which are themselves producers of water vapour. There are 3,200 tomato plants in two 520 square metre greenhouses and another 600 in the smaller greenhouse.

"The production of water vapour by plants encourages photosynthesis and this means a better crop," explained Dr Ayash.

The two-metre tall plants are heavy with the fruit. When the harvest is over some eight tons of tomatoes will have been collected.

The appropriate relative humidity, maintained at about 70 per cent against the average

temperature of 31°C, has had a welcome side-effect that scientists had not foreseen. It helped cure a disease known as blossom end rot caused by calcium deficiency in tomatoes grown in greenhouses with relatively cool but dry air. When researchers raised the relative humidity they noted the disease was on the decline as the plants absorbed calcium from the water vapour.

### Solar energy

The researchers who are already making a good use of solar radiation by turning it into water vapour, also plan to use solar energy, through their photovoltaic station, for the production of electricity to power the entire project.

Photovoltaics is a process of turning the solar energy into electricity. The electricity from the photovoltaic station in Sulabiya is currently being dissipated as more research is needed before the station is connected to a greenhouse.

The researchers do not expect that solar energy greenhouses will be widely used unless there is a scientific breakthrough that will make photovoltaics cheaper. There have been reports that scientists in the West are on the verge of such a breakthrough.

However, the commercial use of greenhouses in desert areas such as Kuwait that will insist on appropriate relative humidity rather than just cooling is not far off, said Dr Ayash.

To make a project like this commercially viable large greenhouses will have to be built with a high plant density, which will also ensure economic use of land.

## Kuwait's Israel Boycott Office effective

Confusion over star: Sudan

HEAD of the Israel Boycott Office in Kuwait Ahmad Sudan has denied that Israeli products are available in Kuwait and are being sold by local merchants. He added that Kuwait's Israel Boycott Office is the most active in the Arab world. Explaining, he said this rumour is spreading in Kuwait because of the six point star on some imported items. He added that the existence of this star on products does not necessarily mean that they are of Israeli origin as this star is not an emblem of Israel only. It is also an ancient Indian holy emblem. We do not release any imports unless we make sure of their origin, Sudan said.

Commenting on products that carry the

trade mark "Made in Israel" found in the local market Sudan said that some local importers import goods with certain specifications from foreign companies. Sometimes these companies cannot supply them with total quantities from their stores so they buy them from local markets in their countries and send them with their own products. Some of these products are made in Israel, so they come with original imports. Sometimes students studying abroad bring Israeli products with them when they return to Kuwait. The customs inspectors can not inspect every item brought in by students, these sometimes infiltrate into the market. But he stressed that these are very rare cases, but when

discovered they get excited coverage by local news papers.

Sudan pointed out that some foreign companies which were blacklisted for dealing with Israel were lifted from the list after submitting the required documents showing that they are no longer dealing with Israel. He added that these companies were adversely affected by the Arab policy of boycotting Israel and companies that deal with it. The stagnation in the international markets obliged them to search for other new markets in the world specially the Arab markets so they stopped dealing with Israel.

Boycotting policies are being abided by

all Arab countries and are followed in a unified manner. The office controls an observes attempts of Israel to export its products to the Arab countries through foreign countries which are close to Israel like Cyprus, Greece and Italy which re-export them to the Arab countries. The office ensures strict procedures on the certificates of country of origin of the exports of these countries. Boycott Office conditions make it mandatory that any imported product should carry a significant commercial brand showing its origin. On many occasions the customs inspectors expose and seize goods carrying brands of prohibited and blacklisted companies, he added.

## 2,582 new students at university for 1988-89

By Ali Al Masoudi

KUWAIT University has announced the admission of 2,582 students for its next academic year. Earlier, the University said it would admit 3,000 students, Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis, but university officials said that the number of applicants who fulfilled the conditions were less than the number of seats available.

Addressing a press conference held yesterday, Acting Dean of Admissions and Registration, Dr Sabah Qadumi said that 27 Kuwaiti students who fulfilled the conditions were not admitted because they wrote only one option in their applications and their percentage did not allow them to get seats in that option.

He added that 180 expatriate students who also fulfilled the admission requirements were excluded because the university had already allocated the reserved seats for expatriates which is 10 per cent of the total number of seats.

Out of the 2,582 students admitted, 1,210 were Kuwaitis, 231 expatriates, 73 from the Gulf, 47 GCC citizens, 42 relatives of Kuwaitis and the rest from other categories including children of military personnel, children of diplomats, children of the university teaching staff and others. The minimum percentage admitted for expatriates was 90 per cent for arts and 95 per cent for science, while the minimum percentage for Kuwaitis was 62.4 per cent for science and 68 per cent for arts.

The majority of the Kuwaiti students admitted were girls. Over 1,500 Kuwaiti girls were admitted forming over 70 per cent of all Kuwaitis admitted while Kuwaiti boys formed a meagre 29 per cent. Girls also overtook boys for all nationalities. In all, girls admitted this year total over 1,800 and they form 67.5 per cent. Commenting on this, General Registrar at Kuwait University, Nussad Al Dakhil announced at press conference that a committee will be formed at the start of the academic year 1989/90 to study this issue. He said that girl applicants greatly outnumbered boys this year.

## AIDS deaths

TWO Bahraini citizens—a man aged 35 years and a woman died yesterday of AIDS, a local daily said.

The daily quoted Dr Ahmad Salem Al Areeb at Salmaniya Hospital in Manama as saying that both the man and woman had sought medical treatment for renal failure in India without previous recommendations from their local doctors.

The deadly disease is alleged to have been contracted during blood transfusions administered during surgical operations.

It is reported that each patient had paid an amount equivalent to US\$4,000.

## Haj transgressions Caravan owners charged

THE Higher Committee on Haj Affairs at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will reportedly meet in the coming few days under the chairmanship of the ministry's undersecretary to look into penal and procedural measures against some Haj caravan organisers for transgressions reported against them by the accompanying crew of Kuwait's health services.

The daily reporting said that the first session would be allocated to summoning the defendants to hear of their justifications and reactions to the charges brought against them, in preparation for legal measures.

Ministry sources said that penalties would range between fines to withdrawal of practice licences, ruling out the possibility of turning all Haj caravan business to private or national companies.

Meanwhile, a total of 5,000 frozen sacrifices were air-lifted to Sudan for distribution among needy citizens. This action falls within the framework of the Saudi Sacrificial Meat Distribution Project, sponsored by the Islamic Development Bank.

Additionally, 30,221 frozen sacrifices had been flown to Peshawar and Quetta in Pakistan for Afghan refugees, 43,200 others went to Jordan by land, 14,500 to Syria and 5,620 to Chad, bringing the total number of frozen sacrifices sent by air and land as part of this project to 98,541. A total of 55,541 sacrifices were distributed among pilgrims and needy residents of Mina.

Meanwhile, preparations are under way to transport 226,000 frozen sacrifices to Lebanon and other Islamic countries for distribution among the needy.

## Unearthed cannons to be documented

THE assistant director of the Department of Antiquities and Museums at the Ministry of Information Dr Fahd Al Waheebi has said that the four English unearthed cannons lately at the old Kuwaiti port site will soon be documented and maintained.

Speaking to a local newspaper, Waheebi said that the cannons, which date back to the 18th century, would be maintained by local archaeological researchers, under the supervision of a French expert to be summoned for this purpose.

He said that the department would carry out an extensive survey of Kuwait's various historical sites, within the framework of its next five-year plan activities.



Information minister tours Arab Times/Seyassah

Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah toured the offices of Arab Times / Seyassah on Monday. Picture above shows the minister with Arab Times Managing Editor Mishaal Al Jarallah touring the editorial offices and (below) at the computer type-setting section.



## Arab interior ministers to fight organised crime

Narcotics, terrorism high on agenda

SECRETARY-General of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers Dr Akram Nashaat has said that the secretariat of the council will hold 14 conferences and meetings this year including the Conference of Arab Security and Police Commanders, Arab CID Commanders, Arab Traffic Commanders and heads of Arab anti-narcotics departments.

These conferences aim at fighting organised crime. The secretariat will also hold meetings for committees of evaluation and guiding of cultural and informational programmes. All Arab member states in the council will take part in these meetings and conferences. With the recent inclusion of Egypt to the council, the total strength is 22 countries.

The council holds its annual session in the beginning of December every year at the secretariat's headquarters in Tunis, he added.

Nashaat pointed out that the council has a unified Arab security strategy and member states are serious in its implementation. The strategy aims at achieving integration in Arab security and Arab unity in this field which should be based on the guidance of Islamic Sharia. Efforts will focus on achieving Arab stability as in the event of any security problems in any Arab country their consequences will affect political, economic and

social stability of other Arab countries, he said.

He added that Arab security strategy is concerned in achieving programmes specialised to strengthen society values and to guide policies related to crime as well as to modernise and support security staff. The council approved the Arab strategy to fight illegal use of narcotics by bringing about a unified law on narcotics which is being carried out by many Arab countries.

### Challenge

He pointed out that narcotics pose the most serious security challenge to Arab as well as the international society. Statistics showed that about 800 tons of hashish were seized by 14 Arab countries during the period between 1980-1987 (excluding Egypt which was not a member of the council during that period). The same countries also seized 700 kilos of hashish oil, 1,200 kilos of heroin, 260 million narcotic pills and 40 million Keptagon pills.

According to these statistics these countries reported a total of 66,000 cases of narcotics abuse during the same period. About 112,000 persons were arrested in these cases. The council is very concerned about this problem and has devised a unified strategy and law to fight narcotics. The council also called for establishing separate departments at Arab

interior ministries to fight narcotics.

The council also co-ordinated with the Arab media for fighting narcotics beside taking procedures to control the import of medical materials. The secretariat of the council agreed with Arab countries on the necessity to apply the death sentence on persons who smuggle and trade in narcotics. Some Arab countries adopted this and have already begun carrying out this sentence like Egypt and Saudi Arabia, he said.

### Terrorism

He pointed out that the council is going to formulate a unified Arab strategy to fight terrorism which was exported to the Arab countries during the last few years. According to our information, terrorism is not exported to the Arab countries by individuals, or groups only but also by countries supporting it especially Israel through international organisations. The council called to hold an international conference to fight terrorism as soon as possible. The level of terrorism in the Arab world depends on the power of the security staff of each Arab country which can fight it. The council has succeeded in reducing crimes related to narcotics and terrorism in the Arab countries compared to their averages in the past, the official said.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## International food exhibition in 1990

ADVANCE bookings for the Gulf's premier food exhibition, Middle East Food Exhibition MEFEEX '90 scheduled to be held between February 10-15, 1990 in Bahrain, confirms that business in the post-war Gulf is set for a significant resurgence.

In a press statement issued to the Arab Times the organisers of this forthcoming important event, Arabian Exhibition Management (AEM), announced that a considerable number of major international and local companies have confirmed their participation in the exhibition.

Prominent exhibitors will come from Australia, New Zealand, USA, Holland, UK, Austria, France, Denmark, India and the Philippines among the overseas participants while regional companies include Americana (Kuwait), Delmon Poultry (Bahrain), International Foodstuffs and Gulf Food Industries (UAE), Wheat Product Foodstuffs (Saudi Arabia) and the Omani public authority for marketing agricultural produce.

Stephen Key, chief executive of AEM, commented: "As well as confirming the increasingly healthy state of GCC markets, our order book also confirms the status of MEFEEX as the undisputed number one food show for the Gulf".

His views are borne out by recent comments from eminent Bahraini businessmen.

## KPTC to operate new route to Egypt

THE Board Chairman and Managing Director of the Kuwait Public Transportation Company, Abdul Wahhab Al Haroon said that the company will operate a new route from Kuwait to Egypt via Jordan in the near future. In a special interview, he added that the company has lately taken over maintenance work of automobiles owned by

different government establishments which lack special maintenance garages.

The company operated nearly 90 buses to serve Haj caravans during this year's Haj season. Haroon stressed that the company will continue providing weekly trips to Holy lands in Saudi Arabia for Omra rituals, and that it will develop its sea

fleet between Kuwait and Failaka.

He pointed out that unorganised distribution of fishing nets by fishermen along the Kuwait-Failaka route caused mechanical problems to many company owned ferries.

He urged Kuwaiti youth to join the company's marine sector and approach the company with

their applications. He added that contacts are now taking place with Kuwait Municipality and the Ministry of Public Works to organise parking lots for ferry passengers at Ras Al Ardh area. Ferries to Failaka are a great success and people utilise this facility with their families especially during the summer, Haroon said.

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# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

It is characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things — Henry David Thoreau, US writer-naturalist (1817-1862).

## Intifada re-erects Jerusalem border

### Fear of attacks

THE Palestinian uprising has drawn a psychological border through the heart of Jerusalem, reversing two decades of Israeli efforts to force the Jewish and Arab areas into a united capital.

Few Arabs from the east of the city will wander into the Jewish west, and the masses of Jews who once flocked to the other side of Jerusalem to shop on Jewish Sabbath are no longer to be seen.

"The old city used to be packed with Israelis before the intifada," said Naftali Sappir, a Jewish computer expert who frequently walked the maze of ancient streets before the revolt began 19 months ago.

Sappir tried to continue visiting the Arab half of the city but gave up after a few months because of fear of attacks. Now, like most Jews, he never goes. He describes today's situation as "the border that's been re-created."

The 1948 Middle East war that erupted on Israel's creation left Jerusalem a divided city, with the newer suburbs of the west in Israeli hands and the walled old city — including sites sacred to both Jews and Muslims — in Arab hands.

Israel conquered the entire city in the 1967 war and set about ensuring it would forever remain its united capital. Unlike most occupied territory, it was annexed and declared part of Israel. Vast Jewish housing developments encircled the old Arab city.

Sappir and many others recall the first years as a time when the "green line" dividing the city faded psychologically as well as physically. If not friendship, there was at least co-existence between the Arabs and Jews.

Times have changed for the 350,000 Jews and 140,000 Arabs. "Jews just cannot walk in the old city as they did before the intifada — and vice-versa," said Hakam Fahoun, an Israeli Arab who runs a news office in East Jerusalem.

Arabs who once shopped in the west of the city or passed evenings in its sidewalk cafes now visit only if their jobs require it. They never linger.

Across the line, Bassam Khoury says 40 per cent of the customers in his fashionable food store on East Jerusalem's main shopping street used to be Israelis before the uprising.

On a Jewish Sabbath this summer he lamented that almost none still appeared.

Shopping trips to the Arab half of the city are further discouraged by a daily strike called by the leaders of the uprising, which shuts shops at noon. On other days they do not open at all.

The steel shutters of the shops clang shut, leaving empty streets and an eerie atmosphere.

Atmosphere is crucial. Although the precise danger is hard to identify, groups on both sides feel threatened.

There have been stabbings of Jews in the old city but similar crimes also happened in the west of Jerusalem and before the current unrest.

Arabs have suffered occasional stonings in the west, especially after injuries to Jews because of the intifada.

The fear in the air goes deeper.

The Israeli dread of East Jerusalem is now so strong that many Jewish motorists make lengthy detours to avoid it.

An Arab shopkeeper inside the old city said bluntly "this is a war" — and there are ample reminders of that.

Instead of the tourist throngs expected in one of the world's most historic cities, small groups of foreigners and Israeli troops carrying M-16 rifles walk the polished stone streets of the walled town.

An Army jeep with three soldiers in combat gear roars up the narrow Via Dolorosa, scattering children, only to speed back a few minutes later. An Arab glares after them from a doorway.

Israeli soldiers screen all entry to both the sacred Muslim sites of the Temple Mount and the adjoining Jewish Western (Wailing) Wall to prevent potentially explosive incidents.

The divide was demonstrated by a recent social event arranged by a foreigner with friends on both sides of the city.

If it was held at a West Jerusalem hotel, many Arabs would be afraid to come. If in an East Jerusalem hotel, Israelis, including government officials, would not attend. (Jerusalem — Reuters)

### PRESS REVIEW

**Al Bayan:** The United Arab Emirates newspaper *Al Bayan* today commented editorially on reported PLO contacts with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

It said in part: "It has become clear from the reported contacts between the PLO and Shamir party and from the US position towards its dialogue with the PLO that good intentions are a central issue in the search for peace."

"Soon after the contacts were disclosed, Shamir denied the report. This was not surprising because Shamir cannot accept to be portrayed as contradicting himself and his Likud party members after they have undertaken not to conduct any contact with the PLO."

"The US side in the dialogue with the PLO is not too much different from Shamir's manoeuvres although there is some difference in tactics and techniques as a Palestinian official has pointed out that the United States is deviating from the original goals of the dialogue."

"Shamir's denial and the US manoeuvres show that the path to peace could be made through a desire for peace rather than through pressure. So far, Shamir has showed nothing that points to such a desire and Washington has not issued any signal showing that it can adopt a neutral position in the Middle East." (KUNA)

### TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1563 — French Army regains Le Havre, France, where English garrison is stricken with plague. Soldiers returning to England introduce the plague.
- 1655 — Great Elector of Brandenburg concludes defence treaty with Dutch, which starts first Northern War when Sweden's King Charles X invades Poland.
- 1675 — French Marshal Turenne is killed in battle at Salsbach, marking end of great French victories against triple alliance forces.
- 1710 — British forces score victory over Spanish at Alminara, Spain.
- 1795 — Spain signs peace treaty with France, ceding her part of San Domingo.
- 1839 — Opium War between China and Britain begins after Chinese authorities seize and burn British cargoes of opium.
- 1848 — Russians invade Danubian principalities at request of Turkey to put down revolts there.
- 1894 — Regent of Korea declares war on China.
- 1933 — Assyrian Christians are massacred in Iraq.
- 1941 — Japanese forces land in Indo-China during World War II.
- 1953 — Korean armistice is signed at Panmunjom.
- 1954 — Britain and Egypt agree on terms ending 72 years of British control of Suez Canal.
- 1965 — US planes carry out first attacks against anti-aircraft missile sites in North Vietnam.
- 1978 — UN Security Council endorses Western plan for ending guerrilla warfare in South-West Africa and bringing it independence as new black African state of Namibia.
- 1987 — Riot police in Sri Lanka clash with Sinhalese Buddhists demonstrating against peace plan aimed at ending bloody rebellion by Tamil Hindus.
- 1988 — Iraq continues to insist on face-to-face negotiations with Iran before starting any cease-fire in Gulf War.



Afghan women carry Soviet AK-47s during a parade of village defence forces in 1988.

## Kabul govt denies communism

# Islamic image sought

FIVE months after Soviet troops completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan, Kabul's pro-Moscow government is trying to convince its people it has embraced Islam and is not communist.

In this mainly Muslim country, President Najibullah refers continually to the faith in his speeches, publicises the building of new mosques and spends increasing amounts subsidising pilgrimages by Afghans to Makkah.

But the communist label acquired during the long Soviet presence is hard to shrug off.

Afghan mujahedeen commandos fought a holy war against the Soviet "infidel" troops for nine years and they are still fighting the government the Soviet troops left behind.

"I don't care what they (the government) say," said a 28-year-old academic who asked not to be identified. "They're communists."

Foreign diplomats say the government has been bold in admitting past errors of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDDA) and Najibullah has instituted many changes.

"He has practically done a complete change in party policy," said one diplomat in Kabul.

The party came to power in 1978 with the overthrow of President Mohammed Daoud, at a time when leading Afghan leftists were hungry for social change and progress in their backward country.

Party members began aggressively pushing policies which traditionalists in the countryside found intolerable.

One such policy was to make it mandatory for girls to go to school — an idea that led to the killing of several party officials by men in the provinces.

The government said it wanted to modernise Afghanistan and tried implementing a land reform programme, but met fierce resistance from landlords and Muslim religious leaders in the villages. As a result many mullahs were thrown in prison and many were killed.

Now the government is trying to court the mullahs and atone for its former ways.

It has backed off on the mandatory education of females in the countryside and has stopped trying to enforce one of its earlier revolutionary decrees aimed at eradicating the practice of paying "bride prices."

"Bride price remains the tradition outside of Kabul," said a government official and party member. While the government is trying to show its new modern Islamic face, some mujahedeen leaders based in Pakistan have moved to religious extremes and espoused strict Muslim fundamentalism, a relatively new phenomenon in Afghanistan.

Many Afghan women who, traditionally, lived unveiled and worked alongside their men in the fields at home are now veiled and shut away from society in refugee camps in Pakistan.

"We had a hard life there," said a woman in her 20s who had returned from Pakistan and was preparing to go home to the northern province of Kunduz.

She sat huddled with two other women on the floor of a room at a government centre for returning refugees. The three covered at the arrival of a foreign visitor, hiding their faces behind brightly coloured shawls.

About half the women on the streets of Kabul wear traditional head-to-toe cloaks, but many wear Western dress.

"The conflict in this country has produced a school of hardliners on both sides — the old communist types in the government and the new Muslim fundamentalists of the mujahedeen," said another diplomat.

One difficulty for the government in its bid to change its image is that it still seems reliant on Moscow.

The vast majority of Afghanistan's trade is with its giant northern neighbour and most of its aid comes from there. The PDDA's structure mirrors that of Moscow's Communist Party and Soviet-made armoured personnel carriers trundle Afghan troops through the streets of Kabul.

The reception desk at the city's once-luxurious Continental Hotel distributes news releases from the Soviet Novosti news agency and Moscow television is broadcast in the country.

But government officials bristle at the suggestion that Najibullah's administration is communist and foreign experts say there is little in the Afghan economy that is communist or even socialist. An estimated 95 per cent of business are in private hands.

Moreover, the earlier communist-style rhetoric of state-run news agencies and government speeches has largely been replaced by praise to Allah and the traditions of Islam.

Najibullah sent a message in early July to 37 Islamic countries asking them to put pressure on Pakistan to stop backing the rebels.

(Kabul — Reuters)

## India cannot meet Colombo's deadline

# Factions girding for battle

AS Sri Lanka's deadline for India to withdraw its soldiers approaches, both sides are preparing for confrontations — but not with each other.

Once considered a tropical paradise for tourists, the island nation off the coast of India has been rent by a civil war made even bloodier by infighting among the country's two main ethnic groups — the Tamils and the Sinhalese.

A group of Sri Lanka's minority Tamils have been battling since 1983 against the majority Sinhalese to form their own nation. Now they also are fighting the Indian peacekeeping troops and rival Tamil guerrilla groups.

Complicating the picture further, extremists among the island's Sinhalese have been killing members of their own ethnic group who are in the government. The Sinhalese extremists feel the country has been too soft on the rebels and they are angered by the presence of the Indian peacekeeping force.

About 80 wives and children of Indian Embassy staffers flew home this week for what was officially described as "the routine summer holiday." Some Indian diplomats acknowledge, however, that the departures conveniently coincided with Sri Lanka's deadline for the Indian peacekeeping force to withdraw by this weekend.

Since India has dismissed the deadline as impossible to meet, there is concern in Colombo that Indian civilians could become targets for the Sinhalese extremists who say the Indian military presence is a threat to Sri Lanka's sovereignty.

So far, the ultra-nationalist Sinhalese seldom have attacked Indians.

Indian soldiers started arriving in Sri Lanka two years ago this Sunday, July 30, to disarm the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, an ethnic Tamil separatist guerrilla group that India once supported.

The Tigers, whose original and still chief grievance was against the island's ethnic Sinhalese majority, are now fighting the Indians as well as Tamil rivals who are backed by India.

Tamils are a majority in the northeastern part of the country, but nationwide they constitute only 18 per cent of the 16 million Sri Lankans. Sinhalese make up 75 per cent, while Muslims account for 7 per cent.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa has warned that as of midnight (1900 GMT) Saturday the 40,000 Indian soldiers in northern and eastern Sri Lanka will be considered "an occupation army."

At that hour, he has said, the country's 13,700 government soldiers in the northeast will emerge from the barracks where they have been confined since the Indians came to Sri Lanka at the invitation of Premadasa's predecessor, President Junius R. Jayewardene.

### Duties

In theory, the Sri Lankan soldiers would take up security duties now carried out by the Indians. But Sri Lankan military sources, speaking on condition

of anonymity, say no such orders have been given yet.

Even if the Sri Lankan troops do come out of their barracks, both Indian and Sri Lankan sources discount the possibility of fighting against the Indian soldiers. One reason, as a Sri Lankan government official acknowledged privately, is the Sri Lankans know the Indians outclass them in combat skills.

Sri Lanka's entire security force of Army, Navy, Air Force and police barely numbers 40,000. Of these, only 6,000 soldiers are considered "combat trained."

Besides, they already have their hands full trying to deal with the Sinhalese extremists in southern and central Sri Lanka whom the government blames for 4,000 political assassinations in the last two years.

Senior Sri Lankan and Indian officers also claim to have a good rapport at command levels, and 600 lower-level Sri Lankan officers are trained free of charge every year in India — in non-combat fields such as engineering and communications.

Premadasa's militant statements appear to be ultimatums that he can't enforce, according to Indian officials in New Delhi and key members of Premadasa's own government who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Indian troops, meanwhile, are continuing

their efforts to disarm the Tamil guerrillas whose 1983 separatist revolt against the Sinhalese resulted in the current military and political problems.

For the past two years, the Tigers have trained their guns on Indian soldiers and rival Tamil groups who enjoy India's support and control the northeastern provincial council elected last fall.

The Tigers claim the Indians mounted a new offensive against them this month. A well-placed Sri Lankan government official said, "India has decided to wipe out the LTTE (Tigers) and they won't stop on the 29th."

India denies any offensive exists and says its troops have not wavered from their peacekeeping role.

The Tamil insurrection has claimed about 11,000 lives since 1983, according to figures supplied by the Sri Lankan and Indian governments, Tamil militants and independent sources. Of these, about 7,200 were Tamils, 2,700 Sinhalese, 1,000 Indian soldiers and 100 Muslims.

In Colombo and the Sinhalese heartland, Premadasa's forces are on alert against the Sinhalese extremists of the People's Liberation Front. Members of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force as well as riot police patrol the capital, often in Indian-made armoured trucks. (AP — Colombo)

**Sri Lanka to approach UN**

A five-day campaign of protest against India called by the rebel People's Liberation Front began in Colombo today with partial strikes and a bomb thrown at the State Bank of India.

No one was injured in the blast and the bank remained open, although Sri Lankan banks closed.

The front ordered people to show up for work on Wednesday and Thursday but not to actually do any. It has ordered a complete shutdown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and anti-IPKF demonstrations.

Sri Lankans obey front orders instantly, fearing reprisals if they do not.

The diplomats said there had been fears Premadasa might give free rein to anti-Indian protests. He has demanded they pull out by the second anniversary of the accord that brought them to help end a Tamil uprising in the north.

Delhi says a premature pull-out would precipitate a bloody

struggle for control among rebel groups. It also says it cannot leave until the safety of Sri Lanka's minority Tamils is assured by giving them the semi-autonomous powers promised under the accord.

"The possibility had been that Premadasa would let the agitation roll and present it as a national expression of anti-Indian feeling," a diplomat said.

Foreign Minister Wijeratne eased that fear somewhat with a statement saying there was no need for violence and security forces had been told to prevent any.

Foreign diplomats saw no early end to the crisis.

The Indian attitude is that they are morally right and don't care what the world says," an Asian diplomat said.

"The fact is that India and Sri Lanka have put themselves in no-win situations. Both are acting against their national interests in a manner that leaves one breathless," a Western envoy said.

## Greek coalition govt

# Communists emerge from the shadows

GREEK communists — broken, beaten and doomed to prison or exile by civil war defeat — now share in peace what they could not win by force.

Forty years after the war that left 80,000 dead and the nation divided, the once-outlawed Communist Party of Greece has joined former conservative foes in government. They are the only communists in a governing coalition in the West.

"The Communist Party endured years of hardship because the people at its core were tough and held little regard for their own lives," historian Tassos Vournas said.

"They spent years in exile, in prison, many were executed. But now we have passed from the age of fighting to an age of dialogue," he said.

The rise of the left is the result of its reorganization and its willingness, during the vacuum left by the socialists' sudden fall from power, to disregard its conflict with the right that stretches back to the civil war.

Greeks began fighting each other as the Nazis retreated in 1944 and the communists tried to assert their military strength.

The Conservative government, with British aid, checked the Communist army. But an uneasy truce fell apart in 1946 and the Communists renewed the fighting. Three years later, they were crushed by government forces supported by the British and the Americans, who pumped in more than \$2 billion in aid under the Truman Doctrine.

Defeated and condemned as traitors, 25,000 communists were sentenced to death, life imprisonment or exile to remote mountain villages and barren Aegean islands. Tens of thousands fled to the Soviet Union and other East bloc countries.

The party was banned in 1947, but it stayed alive under the guise of the United Democratic Left that was born in 1951 and won 10 seats in Parliament. By 1958, the Communist-front group had emerged as the main opposition with 24 per cent of the votes and 79 seats.

Its influence began to decline, then virtually ended during the military dictatorship that ruled from 1967 to 1974.

Premier Constantine Karamanlis, a Conservative, legalized the Communist Party in 1974 after the dictatorship collapsed.

In 1981, Andreas Papandreu became premier, promising that his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) would pull Greece out of NATO and close the US military bases — two demands that were and remain the cornerstones of the Communists' foreign policy.

Although the Communist party was now legal, election results showed its popularity to be small and waning. In the 1985 general elections, it received 9.9 per cent of the vote, down from 11 per cent in 1981.

"This was one of the most critical periods in the party's history," political analyst Stelios Kouloulou said. "There did not seem to be any trend toward a reversal of electoral decline, and the Communist parties throughout Europe were losing influence."

**Solution**

Harilaos Florakis, the party's former secretary general, proposed a solution at the May 1987 party congress — "a coalition of leftists and progressive forces."

The invitation was aimed at the faction that split from the Communist party after the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1986. But Florakis' idea was rejected by the dissidents who charged the party was dogmatically devoted to Moscow.

Earlier this year, however, both factions saw they had to unite to play a decisive role in Greek politics.

The PASOK government was falling into disarray amid allegations that its leadership was involved in a series of major scandals.

In February, the coalition of the left and progress was born with Florakis as its president. Its platform appeared dominated by Eurocommunist thinking.

Florakis, 75, resigned as secretary-general of the Communist Party this month but remained head of the coalition.

"The coalition is a road from which we will not turn back," Florakis' hand-picked successor, Grigoris Farakos said in a recent interview.

The coalition did not do as well in the June 18 general election as polls had suggested. But with 13.12 per cent of the vote it won 28 seats in the 300-member parliament and a power broker's role.

With the conservative New Democracy Party winning 145 seats and PASOK 125, the coalition was wooed by both major parties.

## Quote me

"Everybody loves a bad girl." Leonard Katzman, executive producer of the American TV series, Dallas.

"The suspect 'ain't Mel Gibson or nothing.'" — Laura Hopkins, a US housewife who called police to report a naked intruder was napping in her home.

"I will stand on my head on the dome of the Capitol on Dec 31 every year and wiggle my ears if that happens." — US Senator Bill Bumpers, ridiculing the concept that a provision in a proposed US immigration bill will create 48,000 jobs a year.

"Mrs Thatcher is beautiful but Francois Mitterrand is more beautiful." — Roger Fauroux, French industry minister said during a visit to Japan last week.

"One looks through this resume wondering why this person has been appointed to this position. The answer is to be found in the appendix which lists the campaign contributions." — Senator Paul Sarbanes said Joseph Zappala, who was nominated as ambassador to Spain.

"This was an opportunity for Turkey to perform as a true NATO ally. It failed. This failure has been noted." — Robert Torricelli, US representative said about Turkey's refusal to inspect the Soviet jet fighter which landed in Turkey earlier this year.

"It's very disappointing and the wrong decision was forced on them by the planning laws which have put us in this ridiculous position." — Simon Hughes, a UK Member of Parliament, who campaigned to develop the site of William Shakespeare's Rose theatre.

"In recent years the initiative of workers has been frustrated because some persons advocated blaming the role of the working class." — Ni Zhifu, president of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions said.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

NatWest scandal

## 'First the big bang ... now the fall-out'

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): A shares scandal has blown four British bankers out of the boardroom in the first case of its kind since London's financial markets were deregulated three years ago in what was dubbed the "big bang".

Financial analysts said a government investigation into a takeover which created the world's largest employment agency in 1987 and their downfall has shown what can happen in the fiercely competitive City of London, Europe's leading financial centre.

The scandal claimed a high-ranking victim: Lord Boardman, chairman of Britain's largest commercial bank, National Westminster Bank PLC, who resigned yesterday along with three senior directors.

"First the big bang ... now the fall-out," London's Evening Standard newspaper said in an article on the city, a major source of revenue for investors and the government.

County NatWest, a subsidiary of the bank group, is alleged by the Department of Trade and Industry to have misled the stock market after the investment bank underwrote a failed rights issue made to fund a \$1.3-billion bid for William's Blue Arrow for Management Inc. of the United States.

The report last week said County NatWest was left with a 13.4 per cent Blue Arrow stake but failed to disclose it, as required by law. Analysts said this could be interpreted as an attempt to support the share price and mask the issue's failure.

"Given that financial services account for one pound in six of the country's national income, and one job in eight, then we all suffer as a nation if the city goes on the slide," Anthony Hilton, the Evening Standard's city editor wrote.

Analysts said the seeds of the Blue Arrow fiasco were sown in 1986 when Britain's large banks gobble up security houses in order to participate in post-big bang deregulated share trading. The deregulation was intended to help London keep its place alongside New York and Tokyo as a globe centre of finance. It ended a brokers' monopoly and admitted outsiders like banks as well as foreign firms and banks to trade in stocks and bonds.

## KD deposit rates mixed

KUWAIT, July 26, (Reuters): Kuwaiti deposit rates were mixed today despite a low yield issue of 91-day treasury bills.

Dealers believed the Central Bank itself may have absorbed nearly the entire 100 million dinar (\$335 million) issue. The average yield fell to 8.01 per cent from 8.31 the week before.

In the fixed rates, one month was steady at 9-1/4 8-3/4 and three months eased to 9-1/4 8-3/4 from 9-3/8 nine.

The Central Bank adjusted its dollar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29505/15 from 0.29569/79 on Tuesday.

## Exchange rates

Indian rupee	18.020
Sri Lankan rupee	8.550
Pakistani rupee	14.160
Bangladesh taka	9.080
US dollars	29585
Pound sterling	48550
Deutsche mark	15735
UAE dirham	08060
Japanese yen	002100

## Mobil, Chevron report

## Earnings decline

NEW YORK, July 26, (OPECNA): The Mobil and Chevron corporations today reported slightly lower second-quarter earnings, but each company said that after adjusting for special factors, the year's results were better than corresponding 1988 figures.

Meanwhile, Phillips Petroleum has announced an increase in earnings over the same period.

Oil companies, as a group, are showing the benefits of the quarter's higher oil prices, but because crude prices rose faster than those of products, some firms are experiencing lower earnings from refining and marketing operations.

All companies, however, are benefiting from the run-up in gasoline prices this spring, giving stronger results for the quarter than during the first three months of the year.

Mobil said second-quarter earnings were \$401 million, or 98 cents a share, down 22.7 per cent from the \$519 million or 1.26 per share, recorded in the same period last year. Revenues were unchanged at \$14 billion.

The company's net this year includes a \$140 million loss on the sale of business operations in South Africa, while 1988 results included income of \$35 million from operations that have been discontinued.

Excluding the loss in the quarter just completed, the New York-based Mobil said second-quarter earnings were \$541 million, up 22 million from last year.

The company's world-wide capital expenditures of \$848 million were up 15 million from the same period last year.

## Clean-up cost is nuclear energy industry's new worry

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): Nuclear power plants, already dogged by cost overruns and safety worries, face a new question mark over their future — the soaring cost of dismantling them when their life is over.

Britain put the problem in the spotlight in late July when it announced that it would keep nine ageing plants in state hands when it offers the country's electricity industry for sale to private investors next year.

The offer is part of Prime Minister Thatcher's aggressive programme of state asset sales.

In one of his last tasks as energy

secretary before being shifted to the transport portfolio in the cabinet reshuffle, Cecil Parkinson said new data had emerged about the cost of "decommissioning" the nine Magnox series plants, which began service in 1962.

The left-wing opposition Labour Party's Tony Benn, a former energy secretary, retorted: "What you have done today is to confirm what many people have long suspected — nuclear power in Britain is not, and never has been, economic."

Stockbrokers' energy analysts said the government had effectively admit-

ted that investors would never buy a generating company saddled with potentially huge nuclear liabilities.

The privatised generating utilities are still set to inherit Britain's more modern nuclear plants, as well as plans to build a new generation of US-style reactors. But a special levy on the sale of all electricity will help them subsidise the cost.

"Investors hate nuclear power," said Liz Christie at Hoare Govett. "Not because of any principle but because they are frightened of the costs."

New estimates that cleaning up the US military's nuclear rubbish may cost

\$200 billion have provided ammunition for anti-nuclear lobbyists everywhere.

Officials at the nuclear energy agency in Paris, part of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), said the main problem over decommissioning costs was the sheer uncertainty.

Britain's Central Electricity Generating Board utility put aside a sum equal to \$460 million in 1987-78, the last year for which figures are available, making a total reserve of \$4.658 billion.

But a report in July by brokerage UBS-Phillips and Drew put Britain's

decommissioning bill at \$19.5 billion by the end of the century, or 30 per cent more than the present book value of all the country's nuclear assets.

Phillips and Drew say the report used estimates by some US power generating utilities that shutdown costs would equal construction costs in real terms.

The timescale for decommissioning is crucial.

A recently abandoned nuclear installation is highly radioactive but radioactivity diminishes with time. After 100 years, a reactor core's radioactivity drops to just one hun-

dred-thousandth of its original level.

Most present plans for decommissioning envisage removing external components which are only slightly radioactive immediately, then sealing the core in a concrete tomb about 10 metres (33 feet) high and 30 metres (100 feet) square for up to a century.

"The British government has now fully admitted that nuclear power is not cheaper than fossil fuel power, something they had always claimed before," said Hoare Govett's Christie. "Decommissioning costs are an important factor in tipping the economic balance away from nuclear power."



US ambassador Frank Wisner (left) shakes hands with Morris Makramallah, the Egyptian Minister for International Co-operation, after signing a protocol for a \$200 million grant from the US Agency for International Development (USAID) at the industrial city of the Tenth of Ramadan near Cairo. The grant will be divided equally between both the public and private sectors. (Reuters wirephoto)

Accord to restore confidence in economy

## Egypt to sign IMF agreement shortly

CAIRO, July 26, (Reuters): US Ambassador Frank Wisner said today he was confident Egypt would soon sign an IMF accord on economic reform which would pave the way for debt rescheduling.

Egypt also hopes an accord would restore confidence in the economy and bring in fresh foreign investment and credits.

"We are confident that Egypt will shortly sign an agreement with the IMF," Wisner told officials and businessmen in Tenth of Ramadan city, a new

town about 60 km (35 miles) north of Cairo.

"That is why the time is right now for investment in Egypt's future," he said.

The gathering marked the signing of aid accords in which the US agreed to give Egypt \$200 million loans and grants to pay for imports. The money will be evenly split between the private and public sectors.

Officials said an accord for a further \$100 million in loans to the private sector would be sig-

ned shortly as part of a general policy to boost private sector businesses.

Another agreement was signed to provide Egypt with 27,000 tonnes of wheat flour worth \$7 million. The US gives Egypt about \$2.6 billion a year in grants and loans.

An International Monetary Fund official said earlier this month he was optimistic about prospects for an accord after Egypt began implementing economic reforms which included cuts in its budget deficit.

## Fishing industry to get boost

NICOSIA, July 26, (Reuters): The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is to help Oman develop its fishing industry to offset its reliance on oil under an agreement signed today.

The official Omani News Agency said the FAO would lease a research ship to the sultanate, help survey its fish resources and train local government employees.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said Omani Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Mohammed Bin Abdullah Bin Zaher Al Hinai signed the accord in Muscat.

Oman agreed two weeks ago for a Japanese agency to study prospects of expanding Qaboos Port and building a new one to cope with increasing trade.

The sultanate stepped up its search for other sources of income after a sharp drop in oil prices three years ago. It expects a budget deficit of 407 million rials (\$1.06 billion) this year.

Oman's next five-year plan from 1991 includes fishing development. Its present catch is estimated at 100,000 tonnes a year but officials believe this can be trebled without affecting stocks.

## ACC ministers open talks

BAGHDAD, July 26, (OPECNA): Finance ministers from the four-member Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) began a two-day meeting here today.

The ministers from Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and North Yemen are expected to discuss means for coordinating their countries' financial policies and co-operation among member state financial institutions.

The meeting will be followed tomorrow by a conference of ACC trade ministers to discuss the extension of trade links.

## Jordanian dinar falls sharply

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 26, (Reuters): The Jordanian dinar has dropped sharply against the Israeli shekel in the occupied West Bank amid concern over Jordan's foreign debt, Palestinian moneychangers said today.

East Jerusalem moneychangers said the dinar had fallen between four and 17 per cent against the shekel in the past two days in near panic trading.

"Many people want to change. They want ... to get rid of the dinar because they are afraid that there are many changes in Amman," one currency dealer told Israel Radio.

Another said: "We heard on television that the (Jordanian) government owes the world more than \$10 billion."

Jordan, now rescheduling part of its \$8.3 billion foreign debt, has embarked on an economic recovery plan.

Jordan's Central Bank last week cut the dinar by about two per cent against the dollar but the official rate is still more than 30 per cent below that on the black market in Amman.

Barak said the main cause appeared to be Jordan's continuing economic problems and predicted a further decline in the dinar's value.

## Dollar dips, gold soars

Tokyo stocks continue rally

## Strikes hit UK trade

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): Share prices were mixed to easier this afternoon but above early lows, as a London train and tube strikes added to the usual seasonal lull in trading.

The thin market undermined the positive effect of a lower than expected UK trade deficit with dealers noting an almost total lack of investor interest. "It's been the quietest day I can remember for quite a while. I haven't even heard a half-good bid rumour," complained one dealer.

By 1439 GMT the FTSE 100 was 5.4 off on turnover of 275.3 million shares. An early 1505 GMT close was also discouraging trading.

The UK June current account deficit was £1.49 billion compared with a 1.32 billion May gap and market estimates of around 1.6 billion. The treasury said the deficit was clearly trending downwards but economists were more cautious.

"We should see a modest improvement in the deficit in the rest of this year but anyone who is looking for a rapid turnaround in the position is going to be disappointed," said Kevin Gardiner, economist at brokers Warburg Securities.

Gardiner said that he still expected a deficit of around £17 billion for this year and some 14 billion for the year after.

ICI stood 14p weaker at 1,253. Dealers said the stock was hit by a report in the UK's Independent newspaper which said there are doubts about the company's Corwin heart drug. It suggested that Corwin would not contribute to profits as strongly as first thought and would not be actively marketed.

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The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares ended 4.9 down at 2,264.5.

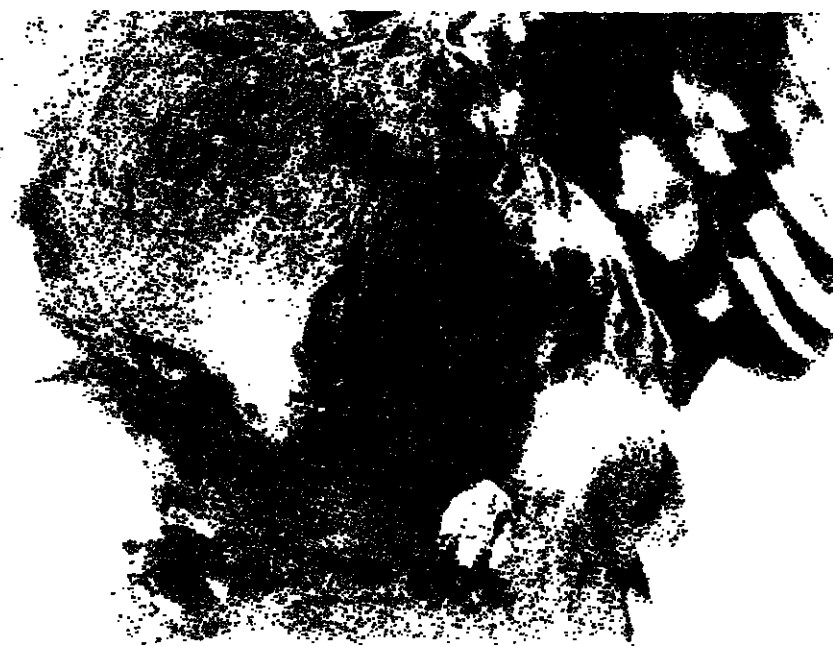
In Frankfurt the 30-share Dax index rose to a record closing high of 1,568.52, up 12.69 points on the day and 5.16 higher than the previous record close set on Monday.

Gold rose \$1.50 to \$373.25 an ounce in London.

Tokyo stock prices continued their five-day rally today but the currency market could find little inspiration to push the dollar either up or down.

The key 255-share Nikkei index climbed 159.69 points or 0.46 per cent to 34,698.59 at mid-day.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 27-28, 1989

## LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	289.0
ABBEY NAT	142.0	JAGUAR	386.0
ADT LTD	85.00	KINGFISHER	343.0
ALD LYONS	501.0	LADBROKE	312.0
AMSTRAD	73.0	LAND SECS	90.41
ARGILL GP	233.0	LAPORTE	472.0
ASDA GP	192.0	LASMO	512.0
BAA	359.0	LEGAL+GEN	345.0
BAT INDS	05.52	LLOYDS BK	47.00
BARCLAYS	81.59	LONRHO	297.0
BASS	039.0	LUCAS IND	667.0
BEAZER	180.0	MAGNET	307.0
BEECHMAN	644.0	MAGNET AS	03.52
BERKSFORD	158.0	MARKS+SP	197.0
BICC PLC	517.0	MAXWELL C	195.0
BLUE ARRL	107.0	NEC GROUP	142.0
BLUE CIRC	559.0	NEC LEI	341.0
BOC GP	517.0	NTH FOODS	689.0
BOOTS CO	280.0	P & O DFD	497.0
BPB INDS	253.0	PEARL	745.0
BR COMM	173.0	PIKINGTON	237.0
BR AIRWAY	202.0	PLESSEY	271.0
BR AEROSP	701.0	RACAL ELC	368.0
BR GAS RG	198.0	RANK HVS	450.0
BR LAND	378.0	RANK ORG	958.0
BR STEEL	75.56	RECKITT+CO	098.0
BR TELCOM	55.91	REED	418.0
BUNZL	147.0	RHC GRP	739.0
BURMAN OL	643.0	REUTERS	785.0
BURTON	241.0	RTZ CORP.	21.89
CABLEWIR	517.0	ROLLS ROY	81.00
CADBURYS	449.0	ROTHMAN B	651.0
CALOR GRP	423.0	ROYAL INS	15.59
CLINTON	795.0	SAATCHI	312.0
CLINT R.T.	780.0	SAINSBURY	268.0
COOKSON	353.0	SEAGRAM	254.0
COURTAULD	362.0	SEEDS	254.0
DALGETY	422.0	SEEDS	254.0
DIXONS	167.0	SIEBE	534.0
ENG CHINA	468.0	SLOUGH ES	360.0
ENTER OIL	616.0	SMITH INTL	316.0
FKI BARCK	174.0	SMITH+NEPH	140.5
FERRANTI	86.0	STD. CHART	523.0
FISONS	331.0	STC	370.0
GATEWAY	231.0	STOREN	143.0
GEN ACCID	982.0	SUN ALLIA	296.0
GEN ELEC	266.5	SUN LIFE	050.0
GLAND	02.44	TARMAC	308.0
GRANDAD	356.0	TATE+LYE	178.0
GLOBE	190.5	TYLOR WOOD	23.00
GLYNED	312.0	TI GROUP	460.0
GUARD RYL	219.0	TRAF HSE	362.0
GNL	423.0	T + N	259.0
GUINNESS	525.0	TRUSTHEE	50.61
HUMBERS A	793.0	ULTRAMAR	328.0
HANSON	18.50	UNILEVER	33.72
HARRISON C	169.0	UNION HUSP	454.0
HUKER SID	748.0	WELLCOE	445.4
HILLSDOWN	280.0	WHITBRO	360.0
		WILLIAMS	264.0
		WILLIS FB	230.5
		WINPEY GE	278.0

## LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	985.0	986.0
400 GROUP	134.0	134.0
A.AMER TS	474.0	476.0
A.B.ELECT	384.0	386.0
A.S.V.WLD	266.0	266.0
AAB KENT	122.0	122.0
AAR HLD	406.0	407.0
AARONSON	90.0	90.0
ADDITION	42.0	41.0
ADVEST	215.0	216.0
ALEX WRKV	211.0	211.0
ALEXON	397.0	398.0
ALLD COLL	161.0	162.0
ALLD IR B	174.0	175.0
ALLD PART	75.4	76.0
ALLD TEXT	382.0	381.0
ALLIANCE	107.0	109.0
AMBER DAY	70.0	70.0
AMEC	452.0	452.0
AMER TST	162.0	162.0
AMERSHAM	478.0	479.0
AMT HLTHC	430.0	431.0
ANGLIA SC	187.0	185.0
ANGLIA TV	279.0	279.0
ANSBACHER	76.0	76.0
APPLEYARD	163.0	163.0
APV PLC	150.0	150.0
ASHLEY.LA	101.0	100.0
ATTWOODS	476.0	476.0
AUTO REED	408.0	410.0
AUTO SECS	287.0	287.0
AVESCO	154.0	153.0
AVIS EUR	444.0	444.0
AVON RUBB	560.0	562.0
B.WHELMIL	272.0	273.0
BAILL JAP	550.0	549.0
BAILL SHI	97.0	97.0
BAIRD (W)	233.0	233.0
BANK IRE	233.0	231.0
BANKER IT	94.4	95.0
BARON GP	200.0	200.0
BARON DEV	181.0	179.0
BAYNES C	35.0	36.0
BBA GROUP	208.4	208.0
BEAR BRND	14.6	15.0
BEATTIE J	149.0	151.0
BELHAVEN	52.0	52.0
BELLWAY	207.0	208.0
BEMROSE	246.0	246.0
BENLOX HD	61.0	62.0
BERKELEY	202.0	204.0
BKH GROUP	144.0	144.0
BK OF SCO	101.0	101.0
BLACK L2	8.6	8.4
BK OF SCO	501.0	503.0
BK JR WH	232.0	231.0
BK JR WH	232.0	231.0
BNETT +F	105.0	108.0
BOASE MAS	363.0	363.0
BOODINGTON	180.0	180.0
BOYD SHOP	458.0	460.0

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A.BSCR COM	43/3	43/0
AAR CORP	33/0	33/2
ABBOTT LAB	61/6	61/4
ACHE CLVLD	11/6	11/7
ADV MICRO	8/6	8/7
AEROF LAB	4/2	4/3
AETNA LIFE	56/4	56/6
ARMANSON	21/5	21/6
AIR PR-CHM	43/4	43/6
ALASKA AIR	26/3	26/3
ALBERTSONS	49/0	49/0
ALPHA 8-16	0	0/0
ALCAN ALUM	21/6	21/6
ALCO STAND	32/1	32/1
AM CAP SEC	21/3	21/5
AM CYMATIC	53/5	54/0
AM FAMILY	15/5	15/5
AM HOM PRO	98/2	98/2
AM STORES	64/7	64/5
AM TEL-TEL	38/4	38/4
AMAX INC	25/0	25/0
AMOCO CORP	46/2	46/5
AMP INC	42/0	42/0
AMP CORP	66/6	66/6
AMP GEN CO	36/6	36/5
AMERADA HE	38/4	38/4
ANTHEM ELE	10/6	10/6
APACHE CP	14/1	14/0
APCAL 8-12	88/4	87/3
ARMSTRONG	47/4	47/5
ASHLAND OIL	36/1	36/2
ASIA PACIF	11/1	11/0
ATLS CORP	16/3	16/1
AVERY INT	27/0	27/0
AVNET INC	24/0	24/3
AVON PRODS	33/1	33/2
BELL SOUTH	50/2	50/3
BELO CP A	36/5	36/6
BEVERLY	8/3	8/4
BLA-DECKER	20/4	20/3
BK BOSTON	28/3	28/3
BK BOSTN-A	0	36/5
BK N-YORK	50/2	50/2
BK TR-NY	52/0	51/4
BKAMER SPEC	6/4	6/4
BOEING CO	52/1	52/2
BOISE CASO	44/0	44/2
BND IN GLD	7/7	7/6
BORDEN	73/0	73/0
BOWATER	27/2	27/1
BR TELECOM	43/4	43/4
BRIGGS-STR	26/5	26/5
BRIST-NYER	51/3	51/5
BRUNSWICK	15/5	15/5
C 3 INC	4/4	4/4
C HUD E-EL	22/4	22/5
CABOT CORP	40/3	40/3
CAESARS HD	40/1	40/0
CAL FREIGHT	24/0	23/7
CAS NAT GS	17/3	17/3
CATCOPIR	41/4	41/4
CATERPILL	57/0	57/0
CBI IND	31/5	31/7
CBS	213/6	213/5
CENTEL CP	48/5	48/5
CHAMP INTL	32/7	32/6
CHARTER CO	4/3	4/3
CHASE MAN	38/0	38/3
CHENIED CP	36/0	35/7
CHENIED BIK	37/2	37/2
CHEVRON	54/5	54/4
CHIC MILIK	0	140/2
CHRYSLER	23/6	23/5
CHRYSLER	71/6	71/3
CHUR FR CH	5/2	5/2
CIGNA CORP	58/5	58/5
CIR CIT ST	24/1	24/3
CIRCLE K	11/5	11/5
CITICORP	31/0	31/0
CLARK EQUI	38/6	38/5
CLOROX	40/4	40/4
COMBIL RES	11	11
COMBIL RES	60/0	60/2
COM PACIFIC	20/7	20/7
COACHMEN	9/0	9/1
COASTAL	43/1	43/3
COCA-COLA	62/3	62/4
COLECO	0	0/0
COLEMAN CO	0	73/7
COLOR-PALM	56/0	55/4
COLUM GAS	44/5	44/4
COLUMBUS-C	0	113/0
COM EDISON	38/5	38/5
COM EDISON	37/2	37/1
COM EDISON	26/3	26/3
CONTINENTAL	35/3	35/3
CONTEL ILL	0	0/0
CONTEL CP	59/5	59/1
CONTEL DATA	21/5	21/5
COOPER T-R	33/0	32/6
COOPER CORP	2/4	2/4
CONNING IN	40/4	40/6
CRAY RES	41/1	41/1
CULLINET	8/3	8/4
DANA CORP	40/7	40/7
DANIEL IND	13/0	12/7
DATACOM	17/4	17/6
DAYTON HLD	55/0	55/0
DEERE-CD	92/3	92/6
DELTA AIR	70/4	70/5
DIAMOND SH	20/3	20/3
DIEROLD	42/0	41/6
DISNEY U	04/6	04/6
DOW CORP	34/4	34/5
DOW CHEM	89/7	90/1
DOW JONES	36/4	36/4
DRESSER INC	42/2	42/0
DREYFUS	30/2	30/4
DUKE POWER	50/6	50/6
DUN BRAD	57/1	57/0
DUPONT	114/6	114/5
DUNESONE	0	21/0
DYNAMICS	0	22/0
E SYSTEMS	32/2	32/2
EAGLE PICH	14/4	14/4
EASTERN EN	31/2	31/3
EMERSON EL	34/7	34/7
EMERSON RA	5/5	5/4
ETRYL CP	23/0	23/1
EXXON	43/6	44/1
FAM DOL ST	11/1	11/0
FED NAT ND	94/1	93/6
FIELDCREST	29/4	29/4
FLEETWOOD	26/3	26/2
FLEMING CO	37/3	37/3
FNC CORP	42/2	42/1
FORD MOTOR	49/7	49/6
FOSTER WIL	20/2	20/2
FRCHLD IND	17/7	17/7
FREE MC OG	5/0	5/0
FST BANK	25/4	25/4
FST CHICAG	44/0	44/1
FST INTERS	62/2	62/0
FST MISSIP	16/1	16/1
GANNETT CO	46/7	46/5
GAP STORES	44/0	43/7
GALVESTON	2/2	2/2
GATX CORP	71/7	71/7
GEN DATA	5/2	5/2
GEN DYNICS	57/4	57/4

GEN ELECT	56/1	56/2	N STA PUR	36/3	36/4	SEAGULL EN	19/2	19/2
GEN HOST	7/7	7/6	NAT INTERG	16/1	16/1	SEARS ROE	45/6	45/6
GEN HOSUR	11/0	11/1	NB: CORP	2/2	2/2	SERV CORP	20/7	21/0
GEN INSTR	35/0	34/7	NCR CORP	58/6	58/7	SA STH PAC	21/6	21/7
GEN MILLS	68/4	68/2	NEW ENG EL	27/3	27/2	SHELL TRAN	41/7	41/5
GEN MOTORS	44/0	44/0	NEW PLA RE	17/7	17/6	SHER PLOU	70/1	70/3
GENCORP	16/3	16/3	NEWMT GLO	38/0	37/7	SHERWILL	32/5	32/5
GENETECH	0	17/3	NEWMT MI	32/7	32/7	SHIRT INT	13/0	13/0
GENLINE PA	39/3	39/1	NI MOH-10	0	62/1	SHITK BEC	61/1	61/3
GEI PM7-80	0	81/4	NI MOH-72	0	79/2	SHAP ON TL	33/5	33/6
GEORGI-PAC	49/2	49/0	NI MOH-10	0	79/2	SOURCE CAP	40/7	41/1
GIBR FI CL	*11	*11	NICOLET IN	11/0	11/0	SOUTHERN	26/6	26/7
GOLDEN NUG	23/4	23/4	NICOR INC	36/5	36/7	SPAIN FUND	13/4	13/2
GOODRICH	63/6	63/6	NI INDS	24/4	24/4	SPERRY	11/5	11/6
GOODYEAR	52/7	52/7	NIOBLE AFF	14/4	14/4	SQUARE D	57/2	57/3
GRACE WR	31/7	31/7	NORD RESOU	10/3	10/3	SQUIBS	25/5	25/5
GRAINGER	61/7	61/6	NORTHROP	25/6	25/6	STONE CONT	25/5	25/5
GREYHOUND	33/3	33/3	NORTON	54/6	54/6	SUN CO	37/1	37/2
GRUNMAN	21/5	21/6	NOVO NORD	49/2	49/3	SUNSTRAND	73/6	73/6
GULF RES-C	10/7	11/0	NUCOR CORP	61/5	61/5	SUNSH HMT	3/1	3/1
HALLIBURTN	34/6	34/7	OK INDS	1/4	1/4	SUPER VAL	28/1	28/1
HALLMOW	0	4/7	OCC PETRCR	27/5	27/6	SUNWEST	29/6	29/4
HANNA MTH	24/1	23/7	ODGEN DRIL	33/6	33/6	SUN BELL	53/3	53/2
HARMON	18/6	18/5	OH ED CO	22/0	22/1	TESORO PET	25/2	25/3
HARRIS CP	34/6	34/6	OHIO NATT	14/6	14/4	TECO ENRG	26/0	26/5
HELLA MIN	13/0	13/1	OLIN CORP	61/3	61/3	TEXTROX	22/0	22/0
HEINZ BA	62/1	62/1	ONILCARE	8/4	8/4	TELETYPE	368/6	368/6
HELM CURTIS	57/1	56/7	ORION PICT	21/3	21/4	TENNECO IN	57/6	57/4
HELM-PAYNE	28/3	28/3	PAINE WEB	21/0	21/0	TERADYNE	11/5	11/5
HERCULES	48/6	48/7	PAN AM	4/0	4/0	TESORO PET	11/0	1



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ZURICH	
STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BAER HDGS	14400 14350
BALOISE PS	2340 2265
BBC I A	439C 4400
BK LEU I	2925 2960
BK LEU M	0 2500
BK LEU PS	345 350
CIB GEIG I	4300 4310
CIB GEIG N	3425 3430
CIB GEIG P	3035 3090
CKW	0 1110
CRED SUI I	2745 2650
CRED SUI M	540 529
EG LAUFEN	1575 1575
ELEKTROMAT	3120 3090
ENS CHEM I	5760 5680
GLOBUS I	6250 6250
GLOBUS M	6200 6100
GLOBUS PS	1055 1075
JACOBS S I	6985 6925
JACOBS S M	1400 1400
JACOBS S P	590 595
JELM I	2575 2580
JELM PS	365 350
LANDIS N	1130 1120
LANDIS PS	100.00 100.00
MERCK I	865 876
NESTLE I	7940 7825
NESTLE N	7770 7360
NESTLE PS	1510 1495
OE BUEHR I	1170 1160
OE BUEHR N	4220 415
OE BUEHR P	360 365
ROCHE GS	18700 18650
ROCHE I	38000 37750
RUECKVER I	12500 12100
RUECKVER N	9025 8775
RUECKVER P	2035 1980
RY TR BK	1010 1010
S BNGKSL I	3890 3850
S BNGKSL N	835 827
S BNGKSL P	125.50 125.00
S BNKVRN I	369.00 364.00
S BNKVRN N	308 307
S BNKVRN P	295 294
SANDOZ I	12100 12075
SANDOZ M	11650 11650
SANDOZ PS	2280 2290
SULZER N	5125 5125
SULZER PS	447 453
SUR	1865 1840
SUISAAR I	1170 1180
SUISAAR N	865 975
W THUR I	4850 4775
W THUR N	3645 3600
W THUR PS	770 761
ZURICH I	5550 5440
ZURICH N	4250 4270
ZURICH PS	2225 2210

R N	5125
R PS	447
	1245

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, July 26. (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	<b>Buying</b>	<b>Selling</b>
US dollar	0.29480	0.29595
Swiss franc	0.48110	0.48225
Dm.	0.15600	0.15780
S. fr.	0.18150	0.18350
F. fr	0.04609	0.04650
It. lira	0.0002167	0.0002191
Jap. yen	0.002076	0.002101
Bh. dir.	0.78170	0.78550
S.A.E. din.	0.49022	0.49574
C. riyal	0.07855	0.07894
O. riyal	0.08092	0.08138
C. riyal	0.76520	0.76930

## Interbank Rates

### Interest Rates

## Commodities round-up

1 month	8-3/4	9-1/4
3 months	8-13/16	9-5/16
6 months	8-3/4	9-1/4
1 year	8-3/4	9-1/4

## Singapore Stock Market Report

**PRISANE:** Mount Isa Mines Ltd said it will raise its copper prices by \$150 to \$3,815 per tonne for standard rods, effective July 27.

**LONDON:** An out-of-court settlement of legal actions against the International Tin Council was hardly any nearer at the end of two days of meetings.

**STATE COLLEGE, PA:** Typhoon Judy is continuing to head North and could hit Tokyo later this week, private US weather forecaster ACCU weather said. At 0300 GMT Judy was centred at 26.4 degrees North and 137.5 degrees East, or about 400 miles south-southwest of Tokyo.

**LONDON:** The London metal exchange copper and lead contracts are to remain sterling-based, at least for another year, a meeting of the exchange's directors decided.

**LONDON:** LME late pre-market trading saw further brisk activity in nickel which traded in the range \$1,850-12,200-12,000 per tonne, up \$310 from yesterday's closing level. A burst of Japanese and West German merchant buying triggered nervous covering.

**RUSSELLS:** The European Economic Community's executive commission promised farm ministers meeting here it would keep a close watch on the effects of drought, especially on arable crops.

**ARABAH:** The state-run Trading Corporation of Pakistan said it rejected offers of soybean oil at a tender and would tender again next Wednesday for 26,000 tonnes.

**BEIJING:** China is likely to remain a copper importer until the year 2000 because production cannot keep pace with demand, the Economic Daily said.

**TOKYO:** Japanese steelmakers want Washington to consider their efforts to help the industry there to restructure during any government-to-government talks on extending voluntary restraint arrangements covering steel export quotas to the US industry spokesmen said.

**NEW YORK:** Arabica coffee futures crumbled to yet another set of new life-oil contract and eight-year lows early, as commission houses and locals sold on news that Colombia plans to increase exports by 20 to 30 pct. (KFN6)

**LONDON:** The downward spiral of palm oil prices continued today with crude palm oil trading at least below \$300 per tonne for the first time in years, traders said.

**LAUREMBURG:** World coconut oil output is set to rise sharply by about 11 per cent to 2.28 million tonnes in 1989/90 (Oct/Sept), with major increases seen in the Philippines and Indonesia, the newsletter Oil World said. Current stocks of five major vegetable oils are down sizeably from a year ago in 19 key countries in the world, Oil World said.

**CHICAGO:** CBT soybeans opened slightly lower on a national weather service forecast for widespread rains across the Midwest, then rallied to post gains of 4-14 cents per bushel in August to down 1/2 cent in November.

**WASHINGTON:** The Senate Agriculture Committee passed a \$955 million farm disaster relief bill, but chances for quick passage by the full Senate were set back by Republican threats to seek changes or to block the bill from coming to a vote at all.

**PARIS:** France plans to raise by 25 per cent the payments given to farmers willing to leave land idle. In an attempt to boost the European Economic Community's set-aside scheme, government officials said.

**LONDON:** European palm oil markets slipped further in afternoon trade, depressed by high production and large stocks, traders said.

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# Japan's corporate money bearing down on France

TOKYO, July 26, (Reuters): Japanese companies, no longer bothered by perceived Parisian snobishness, are scrambling to invest in France before the doors of "Fortress Europe" slam shut, businessmen and officials said.

They were commenting after French Industry Minister Roger Fauroux visited Tokyo last week and told reporters the growth of Japanese investment in France in 1989 could match a 1988 boom when it more than doubled to 263 million francs (\$41.2 million).

Fauroux said he was here to banish a belief among Japanese that France disliked them and their money.

"France has in the past had a bad reputation as a protective country," Fauroux told a media lunch. "But that attitude has radically changed."

By the end of January 1989 there were 85 manufacturing firms in France with Japanese parents, up from 38 at the end of 1987, according to the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO).

"But the government ministries in Paris are now a lot less snobbish. This change is a major factor in the increase of interest now."

Britain has about 90 Japanese-owned manufacturing firms but the rate of increase of Japanese investment in

France was highest among the 12 nations of the European Economic Community. "Mrs Thatcher is beautiful but Francois Mitterrand is more beautiful," was the message Fauroux said he had brought for the Japanese.

Corporate officers in Tokyo say French labour is cheaper than West Germany's and better behaved than Britain's.

Many see France as a continental heartland from which the markets of Europe are quickly and cheaply accessible.

"We have eight factories in Europe and the industrial relations in France are very good," said an employee at Sony,

which has complex video-related factories in the Bordeaux region.

The Sony employee, who has worked in the company's French subsidiaries, said the central location of France and the availability of skilled managers and workers was a major plus.

He said there had been no major labour relations problems since investment began in 1973 and Sony had tried to meddle with the local community by organising recreational events.

Japanese investment has centred on the consumer electronics sector with Akai Electric and Victor (JVC) also owning considerable businesses.

Most of the increase in Japanese investment should come in the electronics and chemical industries, said a French lawyer working in Tokyo.

France has missed the boat when it comes to a treasure-chest of Japanese riches accompanying expansion to Europe of its world-beating car industry.

He said corporate Japan feared that in the "Fortress Europe" they think will emerge in 1992 when the 12 nations unite into a single trading block, onerous conditions will be attached to any community-bound investments.

"If they don't move this year, they could be too late," said the official.



Corazon Aquino

## Manila faces slower growth

MANILA, July 26, (Reuters): A forecast slowdown in Philippine economic growth in the second half of 1989 could hurt President Corazon Aquino's development plans unless she adopts stronger leadership, a consultancy firm said in a report released today.

"While President Aquino is in no real danger of being deposed, her lack of executive experience and her loyalty to those she considers personal friends is preventing her from taking the sort of decisive steps necessary to speed up the process of national reconstruction," the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy said.

Its Philippine July-December outlook said growth would ease through weakening consumer demand.

The private firm, which assesses business risks in several Asian countries, said inflation would climb as a result of the abolition of food and fuel subsidies and a recent rise in the minimum wage, and would lead to continued tight monetary policies.

The firm gave no half-year figures but forecast real gross national product would grow by 5.70 per cent in 1989 and 6.60 in 1990, against 6.78 in 1988.

The government had predicted 6.50 per cent GNP growth for 1989, but scaled this down in mid-June to 6.00 per cent.

The report said the decision by legislators in May to raise minimum daily wages of workers in metropolitan Manila by 36 per cent and those in other major population centres by 25 per cent "severely damaged" the country's still shaky reputation as having an improved industrial relations climate.

It said the Philippines' emerging economy was badly equipped to absorb the wage hike, which followed trade union strike threats.

"Corruption is another matter that presidential non-leadership has caused to become a major issue against the Aquino administration," the report said.

"Aquino has failed to establish the climate necessary to deter the commission of corrupt acts." It said opinion polls showed her popularity declining. "She is now being criticised, even by her supporters, for being increasingly remote and offhand about the workings of government."

The forecast said an aid commitment of \$3.5 billion by donor countries and agencies represented an international vote of confidence in the Philippines' long-term prospects and would provide a significant boost to the economy.

### New gold deposits

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 26, (AP): New gold deposits have been found in the Mouthe region of central Iran, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the Abrar daily newspaper as saying 10 deposits had been found in nine years of exploration by Iran's state-run mining company.

The gold-bearing deposits totalled 1.2 million tons and would produce 4.8 tons of gold, according to the report.

### China defiant on sanctions

## No switch to Soviet bloc

BEIJING, July 26, (Agencies): China said today it would not heed Western economic sanctions but would continue its open door economic policy and not turn to the Soviet bloc.

"Westrest the principle of self-reliance. If other countries use loans to interfere in the internal affairs of China, we will not heed them," said Liu Xiangdong, spokesman at the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade.

The World Bank and Japan suspended new loans to China in protest at the military suppression of student-led protests on June 4. Many commercial banks followed suit.

Liu told a news conference foreign loans accounted for a very small percentage of China's economy.

Foreign investment, which grew 52 per cent in the first half of 1989 to \$3,019 billion from the same period last year, might be affected in the second half of the year.

"Some foreign investors have misunderstood the real situation and are anxious. They will wait and see," he said.

"But the Chinese market has enormous potential. Who wants to give it up?"

Figures he released showed that China's trade with the Soviet Union in the first five months of

the year rose 31.3 per cent over the 1988 period to \$1.32 billion.

His comments contradicted earlier reports showing a deteriorating trade balance for China and speculation the nation faced a serious shortage of foreign exchange reserves that would cast doubt on its repayment ability.

At the end of April, China's foreign exchange reserves totalled \$19.1 billion, excluding gold.

Customs statistics released by the State Statistical Bureau earlier this month showed a \$5.79-billion trade deficit for the first six months of 1989, up from \$1.22 billion in the first half of 1988.

A report by the official Xinhua News Agency on customs statistics quoted Chinese analysts as saying the deficit could rise to \$10 billion by the end of the year.

The ministry's merchandise trade figures for the first six months of the year showed China's exports at \$19.76 billion, virtually unchanged from the same period last year, while imports totalled \$17.47 billion, up 11.8 per cent.

The customs-based figures, unlike the trade ministry's figures, include non-trade financial transfers such as foreign grant aid as well as imports of raw materials for processing.

Liu acknowledged that a deficit could arise in the latter half of the year if the trend toward rising imports and stagnant exports continued. But he said the government would actively seek to boost exports and curb imports to maintain a favourable trade balance.

He also admitted that various projects involving foreign investment, for which contracts have not already been signed, could suffer from the flight of foreign businessmen from China after the Army crushed pro-democracy protests in early June.

"I think some foreign businessmen are worried about the situation so we will have to wait and see for some time," he said.

In the past 10 years, China has received \$33.1 billion in foreign loans and another \$12.1 billion in direct foreign investment. In the past year, the government has sought to curb excessive borrowing by firms using foreign loans.

One reason for Beijing's confidence regarding its ability to repay loans is that more than 70 per cent of its outstanding debt is in medium- or low-interest loans, Liu said.

China's average annual debt service rate — the ratio of its repayment to its total export earnings — remains below 10 per

cent, compared with rates in other countries generally ranging between 20 and 25 per cent, he said.

But the debt burden will rise substantially in the next few years as loans become due for repayment.

China has said it plans to apply for \$500 million in new loans from the World Bank by early next year, even though, because of the crackdown, the bank has put off considering \$780.2 million worth of loans for which China already has applied.

The bank, the main source of aid to developing countries, is under pressure from the United States and other Western nations to halt new loans to China to express disapproval of the crackdown on dissent.

Most lenders to China have frozen aid or postponed consideration of new loans while they watch political developments.

Liu said China was prepared to go without further assistance if lenders decide to withhold loans.

"We would like to develop economic relations with all countries ... and utilise loans from those countries," he said, "but we will not accept them using those loans as a condition to interfere in China's internal affairs."

### Tritium sales suspended

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): The US Energy Department said today it had suspended shipments of tritium to commercial customers from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee because of European customer complaints of short weights.

The department said headquarters staffers, Oak Ridge employees and staff members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, whose export licenses govern overseas shipments, are reviewing measurement and loading operations at Oak Ridge.

Tritium, a radioactive gas, is a major component of many nuclear weapons, but it also has commercial, research and medical uses. An atom of tritium is simply a hydrogen atom with two neutrons instead of one.

## UK trade deficit widens

### Exports up

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): Britain said today its current account deficit widened slightly to £1.5 billion (\$2.4 billion) in June but the figure was not as bad as economists had expected and sterling strengthened.

Although imports were worth a June record of £6.7 billion (\$16 billion), a treasury spokeswoman noted that exports were also rising and said the trade gap's underlying trend was down.

The trade performance in May and June indicated that the government's strategy of high interest rates to curb consumer spending and inflation was beginning to bite.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson believes inflation has peaked at 8.3 per cent and will start to fall although a rash of big industrial pay settlements so far this year is threatening his target of 5.5 per cent by year-end.

London share prices fell slightly on worries about rising imports and by mid-afternoon the Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of the 100 best performing shares was 5.2 points down at 2,226.2.

Currency dealers said sterling had firmed 1.5 cents to stand around \$1.6450 and one penny to 3.09 West German marks because of the likelihood that interest rates would remain high for some time.

The treasury said a trade deficit of £1.9 billion (\$3.1 billion) was offset by a surplus on invisibles — such as banking, insurance and tourism — of £400 million (\$650 million).

Economists had expected the June trade gap to be higher because of stockpiling of imported goods by manufacturing industry in preparation for a strike affecting Britain's biggest ports which began 2-1/2 weeks ago.

Britain's trade deficit for the first six months of 1989 totalled £9.4 billion (\$15.4 billion) compared with Lawson's forecast of about £14.5 billion (\$23.8 billion) for the whole year.

A succession of heavy trade deficits caused by a credit-led consumer boom and its effect on inflation has forced Lawson to nearly double interest rates to 14 per cent over the past 12 months to cool the economy.

### Research casts some doubts

## Third World curbs spending

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): Democratic governments in Third World countries have been holding down government spending as much as authoritarian ones, two US researchers reported today.

"Recent cross-national research has cast some doubt on the conventional wisdom that authoritarian regimes have a particular advantage in imposing the austerities associated with ... stabilisation," wrote Stephen Haggard of Harvard University and Robert R. Kaufman of Rutgers University.

They compared what they called "continuous authoritarian regimes" in Chile, Indonesia, South Korea, Mexico and Zambia with "continuous democratic regimes" of Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Venezuela.

They figured that between 1980 and 1986 the authoritarian regimes reduced their budget deficits by 5.8 per cent a year and the democrats by 5.6 per cent. The authoritarian governments' spending stayed flat for the period 1980 to 1985, while in the democratic countries there was a drop of 7.1 per cent a year.

Both figures were calculated as proportions of the countries' total production.

They found that countries moving from authoritarian rule to democracy spend more and borrow more from their central banks.

The "democratic transition" countries they checked were: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Philippines, Thailand and Uruguay. All moved away from authoritarian rule between 1978 and 1986.

Governments in that group tended to be "expansionist" in spending, they reported. But there were wide variations in performance. Eight out of 10 had higher deficits during the year of transition, particularly Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia.

"The data for the post-transition period, though less complete, is somewhat more heartening," they went on.

"With the exception of Bolivia, most of the new democracies managed relatively more stable shares of government expenditures..."

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

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10	Pioneer Runner	ISA	2441860
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## World's 10 biggest banks are all Japanese

NEW YORK, July 26, (Reuters) For the first time the 10 largest banks in the world are all Japanese as an American and a French bank have fallen out of the top ranks, according to American Banker.

Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd is Japan's and the world's biggest banking company with assets of \$387 billion at the end of March.

Citicorp, the biggest US bank and No. 10 on the list last year, has slipped to No. 12, with assets of \$203.8 billion at the end of 1988.

The largest non-Japanese bank on the list at No. 11 is Paris based Credit Agricole Mutuel, 8th in the list last year, with assets of \$208 billion at the end of 1988.

The list along with other rankings of banks

by deposits and equity-capital growth, is compiled each year by American Banker, a daily newspaper based in New York.

None of the lists measures bank profitability — an area in which US institutions continue to hold their own, particularly those that have reduced their non-performing assets: Third World loans, bad energy and other loans.

Japanese banks, which are historically more passive institutions, are not among the world's big money-earners, although recent figures show they are becoming more profitable.

Their rise to become the world's largest institutions reflects, in part, exchange-rate

fluctuations, saving patterns and capital flows in different parts of the world. The rise of the yen in recent years and the higher savings rate in Japan are key factors in the banks' relative growth.

Size has its advantages, banking analysts say, as the biggest banks automatically are considered for the top deals.

But it also has its disadvantages, as new capital standards set by the world's major central banks will require the banks with the most assets to boost their reserve capital.

Assuming no growth in assets, American Banker calculates that Japan's 31 largest banks will need about \$77 billion in new equity capital by the end of 1992.



### Government allegations

National Westminster Bank chairman Lord Boardman, 70, in London on Tuesday after resigning along with three other top bank directors over government allegations that the bank misled the stockmarket in underwriting an unsuccessful takeover of Manpower Inc of the USA by the British employment agency Blue Arrow PLC. (Reuters wirephoto)

### GNP growth slows

## Slowdown for economy

WASHINGTON, July 26, (Reuters): Government data to be released this week is likely to confirm that US economic growth is slowing significantly, economists say.

They expect a government report on gross national product (GNP) to be released tomorrow to show about a two per cent average annual growth rate for the April-June period. Some economists are forecasting a growth rate as slow as 1.7 per cent in the second quarter.

"We see the economy shifting down into second gear," said Roger Brinner of the economic analysis firm Data Resources Incorporated.

By the third quarter "it will downshift to first gear," he added. That compares with a robust 4.4 per cent growth rate during the first three months of the year. But even in the first quarter, the current expansion, now in its 80th month, was showing signs of slowing. Most of the growth was due to the farm sector recovering from a devastating drought.

Excluding the farm sector, GNP grew by a more modest 1.9 per cent in the first quarter.

"The economy is weak," said economic analyst Allen Sinai. "We will be flirting with a mild recession in six to nine months."

The slowdown had been expected. Higher interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve are beginning to take their toll on growth, particularly in rate-sensitive sectors like housing and automobiles.

Consequently, many economists see GNP growth dropping to below one per cent by the third quarter and some see a least one period of negative growth during the next three quarters.

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## Warning usually empty threat

# Thou shalt not cheat

By Kenneth R. Bazinet

Warning is usually part of the student code of conduct at all academic institutions: cheating will not be tolerated and will lead to disciplinary action if you are caught.

But many psychologists, who say there is nothing more than an empty threat too weak to keep a student from cheating, say that someone else's exam or padding the reference list on a research

paper.

"I think for the student who cheats, the expectation that punishment is not forthcoming certainly contributes to it," said Saul Kassir, a social psychologist at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

"It's very much like the American criminal justice system: the likelihood of the guilty getting the maximum penalty is very low. There really is not an effective deterrent," he said.

Be it an inner-city vocational school or an ivy-covered college tucked away in a quiet town, institutions are trying to learn why and how much cheating is going on, but few, if any, have answers that might end an immeasurable trend.

Psychologists claim some students who cheat are driven by what are called "internal forces" and "external forces", both of which amount to a need for academic success and the fear of

failure in the classroom.

Anthony Schuman, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis who specializes in family psychology, said an example of a student affected by these "internal forces" is likely to have low self-esteem and will cheat "to gain by other means what they feel they do not do best."

"When you're dealing with students who cheat," you're dealing with students who have self-esteem problems and who do not feel their knowledge or skills are enough to carry out the task," Schuman said.

"External forces" that might drive a student to cheat in school include strict parental influence or excessive peer pressure, experts say.

"If your peers cheat, then you'll cheat and vice versa," said Barbara Lewis, chairwoman of the psychology department at Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania.

"Parental and career pressures play a part, when parents or a prospective graduate school requires a certain grade for admission," Lewis said.

While most experts agree there is some merit to the internal and external force theories behind cheating, few are willing to cross the ethical boundaries required for a laboratory approach to determine why the trend persists.

Kassir questions whether it would be ethical to structure a research project that would allow psychologists to observe and review students who cheat.



Students who cheat are usually those who have self-esteem problems and who do not feel their knowledge or skills are enough to carry out the task.

## Russians to the rescue!

### Fish clean up American waters

By Elliott Minor

IN a novel use of genetic engineering and species transplantation, a Russian fish has been put to work to aid American fishermen. Transplanted from their homes in Russia and China and made sterile by "shock treatment" of the eggs, the fish are being released into the Chesapeake Bay and the Gulf of Mexico to help clean up the waters of these two major American waterways.

The white amur was introduced to the United States in 1963. The long, slender fish commonly known as the grass carp has proven effective in controlling underwater and floating weeds, said Tim Murphy of the University of Georgia Service.

"They do an excellent job of cleaning a pond by eating the vegetation," said Paul Williams, co-owner of a hatchery that produces the long, slender fish. "It's going to open up ponds and streams that are unusable."

South Carolina's Water Resources Commission plans to stock Lake Marion, a major recreational area, with 300,000 grass carp over a three-year period. The agency has been able to eliminate some weeds with chemicals, but not hydrilla, which has closed large sections of the 110,000-acre lake.

"Grass carp are known to feed on

hydrilla," noted Danny Johnson, director of the commission's Surface Water Division.

The Tennessee Valley authority has asked Congress to fund a weed control programme for its 68,000-acre (27,530 hectares) Lake Guntersville in northwestern Alabama. The plan includes stocking the reservoir with grass carp, says Johnson.

The agency has significant weed problems in six of nine major reservoirs along the Tennessee river, said David Webb, a botanist with the TVA's aquatic plant management programme in Muscle Shoals, Ala. "Our primary concern is the hydrilla. It's expanding into the shallower areas near the docks. We know it has the potential to replace just about every other thing out there."

Herbicides are often used to control aquatic weeds, but they are expensive and time-consuming to apply, said Murphy. Chemicals also could pose problems if people use the pond for swimming or if the water is used to irrigate crops.

"Stocking with grass carp is usually less expensive than one application of chemicals, and you have something that will last for 10 years," said Williams, who has been selling the fish since 1985.

Grass carp grow about a pound (45 kilos) a month up to about 15 months. In ponds they typically weigh between 20 (nine kilos) and 30

pounds (13.6 kilos). To get effective weed control, pond owners need 10 to 20 fish per acre (0.4 hectare), said Murphy. They cost \$5-10 each.

To keep the non-native fish from getting out of hand, the state department of natural resources requires pond owners to use sterile grass carp in Georgia.

The sterile fish, known as triploids, have 1.5 times the normal number of chromosomes, said Alfred Mauldin, a DNR Fisheries biologist.

To create triploids, breeders like Williams "shock" the eggs just after fertilization with extreme heat, cold or pressure, causing the eggs to retain the extra chromosomes, rendering the offspring sterile. Only triploids will be used in Lake Marion and the Guntersville Reservoir, said Johnson and Webb.

One disadvantage to carp is that they don't provide immediate control. "You will see benefits right away, but I'd say it will normally take two years to get the kind of control that most people will be happy with," Murphy said.

The carp prefer a vegetarian diet and pose no threat to other fish, said Williams. "They're not aggressive feeders as far as competing with other fish. They're not going to fight with your catfish." (AP).

## Reading for 21st century

By Graham Heathcote

THE British Library is the nation's repository of printed books collected for more than 300 years, but it is now wrestling with a revolutionary idea: being choosy.

"We have 16 million books and we are doing a bit," says Kenneth Cooper, the chief executive.

"So many new books are appearing that we no longer have the space to keep every one. The problem is: what do we throw out," he said in an interview.

Librarians everywhere face it: what is considered of no importance now will be just what's wanted in the next century.

In the 19th century, the British Museum — the foundation of the British Library — threw away the advertisements at the back of the weekly serial parts of Charles Dickens' novels before binding them.

Now social historians study the advertisements and the complete weekly parts are more valuable than first editions of the novels.

"It's an awful dilemma when you think what future generations will say about us and feel nobody is going to be satisfied," said Joyce Butcher, an American in charge of acquisitions, processing and cataloguing at the British Library.

"Time and circumstances change the point of view. If we had been around in the 16th

century, we might not have kept (William) Shakespeare's plays because he was outside the academic establishment," said Ms Butcher.

The British Library, formed in 1973 from the books in the British Museum, has treasures ranging from the Lindisfarne Gospels written by a monk about 698 to the original scores of the Beatles pop group in the 1960s.

A library is being constructed for opening in 1993 at a cost of £40 million \$65 million next to St Pancras train station in London.

"If we move to St Pancras all the books in the museum and 17 other buildings in London where we store our books, we would be full up right away so we must do something now," Cooper said.

The library commissioned a report on the problem from its own and outside experts who found no alternative to becoming more selective. Their report pointed out a loophole in the 1911 copyright act, which has been an asset but is now a burden.

In that year, the British Museum acquired all the books which, from 1600, publishers had been legally compelled to deposit with the Stationers' Livery Guild. The 1911 act required publishers to do the same for five other copyright libraries, in Oxford, Cambridge, Wales, Scotland and Trinity College, Dublin, part of the British empire in 1911.

The report said the British Library is bound under the law to receive all books, but not to keep them.

"We cannot anyway," Cooper said.

"We have 300 miles (482 kilometres) of crowded shelves and we need eight miles (13 kilometres) of shelving on which to put each year's new books. Last year, there were 300,000 British publications — 62,000 books as well as newspapers, pamphlets and even local railway timetables and leaflets," he said.

Cooper said first solutions may include sharing with the other copyright libraries so that they hold different books.

"We may keep only one title by authors of myriad romantic and Western novels, refuse reprints if there are no textual changes from original editions, reject obscure works written on word processors for limited circulation, store rarely requested material outside London and dispose of duplicates," he said.

"We have the same problem, too," said Nancy Bush, information officer at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., in a telephone interview.

"We thought we are in good shape when we moved into the largest library building in the world in 1981 but we will be out of space in 1992. We are discussing all sorts of solutions, giving some attention to priority and looking for space for 3 million books and serials in secondary storage," she said.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith



Jodie Foster, who won an Oscar for *The Accused*, faces questions on the controversial movie from the press.

### The Accused mutilated

## Censors confused

By Ruth Youngblood

SINGAPORE, (UPI) Jenny Lim couldn't wait to see the movie, *The Accused*, but she emerged enraged at zealous government censors who chopped the rape scene pivotal to the plot.

"The film has been mutilated so badly it's an injustice," said the 35-year-old secretary.

Singapore's cinema fans and film critics in the past have docilely accepted haphazard cuts and the resulting disconnected scenes and dialogue. But they are appalled by the cut of the three-minute rape scene in *The Accused*, which opened here in June, and their anger has sparked unprecedented attacks on the country's censorship policy.

Lim and others contend that cutting the rape scene distorts a major point the movie tries to make — a woman who dresses provocatively is not inviting a sexual assault.

The deletion of the scene "reflected their lack of sympathy and understanding of the plight of the victim," said Constance Singam, President of the women's action group AWARE and a lecturer at Singapore Polytechnic.

Actress Jodie Foster won an Academy Award for her role in *The Accused* in which she plays a street-smart waitress. The highly acclaimed film was based on the 1983 gang rape of a young woman on a barroom pool table in Bedford, Mass., while bystanders urged on her assailants.

Singam said the censors are obviously "confused about the whole question of rape."

"All they can see is the sexual aspect," she said. "Rape is not sex. It's a brutal physical crime inflicted on women because they are seen as weaker."

Slashed from *The Accused* is a sequence, shown as a flashback during the court proceedings, which depicts Foster being held down on a pinball machine in a sleazy bar while three men rape her. Other men cheer, jeer and clap.

The camera unflinchingly descends on the woman's agonized expression as the onlookers in the bar chant encouragement to the rapists, all of which has been cut from the movie here.

Left intact, however, is the prior episode showing Foster, dressed in a skimpy outfit, flirting and dancing seductively just before the rape.

Sonja Tan, reviewing *The Accused* for The New Paper, an English-language daily, said the censors cut resulted in an unbalanced story.

"We see a provocative woman but we don't see the horror and brutality of what was done to her."

Tan, who viewed both the edited and unedited versions, said, *The Accused* dramatically illustrates that "While it isn't necessarily a criminal offense to silently watch a rape, it is a crime to cheer and clap, because by doing so the rape is helped ... but with much of this censored, the point is lost on the audience."

The board of film censors denies their slices mar the impact. A spokesman said the scene was severed "because it was too long and too explicit."

"As long as it is a sex act, we'll take it out."

Acknowledging "vulgar dialogue," was also removed from the movie, the spokesman said, "The whole film lasted for about two hours, and five minutes (of cuts) is hardly anything."

But critics contend the rape scene is pivotal in swinging the audience's sympathies to the victim. Many moviegoers, who had read reviews of the uncensored version in international publications, said so much was eliminated their impression of the central character was affected.

Jenny Goh, a 30-year-old homemaker, said she thought the victim "had it coming to her" because she only saw her sexy attire, flirtatious behaviour and sensual dancing but not the brutal assault and the accompanying encouragement.

Few popular American films emerge unscathed, with *Working Girl*, *Mississippi Burning*, *Masquerade*, *Fatal Attraction*, *The Witches of Eastwick*, *Warlock* and *The Siege of Firebase Gloria* among recent movies from which dialogue or segments have been scrubbed.

When producer Arnold Kopelson learned the board made 28 cuts in his Oscar-winning *Platoon*, he refused to allow the Vietnam war saga to be shown here.

Mah Bow Tan, Minister of State for Communications and Information, said the censors follow guidelines stating that scenes found objectionable on moral, political, communal or religious grounds cannot be allowed.

The government has to strike a balance between the conservative and liberal segments of the population of 2.6 million, Mah said.

"For every strident view that we are too strict, there is an equally vociferous view that, in certain cases, we are a bit too lenient."

The deletion of the rape scene in *The Accused* has prompted demands for an end to such censorship and implementation of a film classification system instead.

### Susan Dey plays cancer victim

## Inspired by real life

By Judy Byrne

PORTRAYING a young woman under sentence of death was doubly challenging for L.A. Law star Susan Dey.



Susan Dey: for years, she was terrified of dying young

First, there was her obligation to the real cancer victim Christina Taylor to capture her poignant love-and-death story in *I Love You Perfect* and tell it like it was.

Then there was an older trauma of her own to be kept battered down and inactive for the duration — her own fear of dying young.

But then Susan is no stranger to battles. The actress, whose mother died when she was eight, has beaten bulimia nervosa (the compulsion to overeat) and alcoholism. She says: "The pain of losing my mother was with me for a number of years and the fear of dying haunted me when my own daughter was born."

"I guess it comes under the heading of 'neurosis' although it went away when I turned 30, the age I thought I'd never reach. My closest friend called on that birthday and said 'Ha, ha. You made it. You are just going to have to slog it out with the rest of us.'"

Susan was too relieved to care. But it must all have flooded back as she worked on the ABC television movie which she also co-produced.

The film had been conceived in April, 1987, when journalist Jeff Silverman was having dinner in New York and a friend handed him a copy of that weekend's Washington Post magazine. On the cover was a picture of Christina Taylor captioned *To A Woman Dying Young*. She and Silverman had been friends a decade earlier.

Silverman read the story and was determined it should be filmed for TV.

He took the idea to Marcy Gross and Ann Weston of Gross-Weston Productions and told

them that if they could get Susan Dey, who resembles Christina, he would help them get the rights to the story.

Susan co-stars in the film with Anthony Denison as Alan Matthews. It tells how the Washington couple's love drew them closer as they learned Christina had invasive cervical cancer despite having an annual test for it.

If her medical clinic had told her of an abnormal test result two years earlier, the problem could have been contained. Instead, it was diagnosed only during emergency treatment for profuse vaginal bleeding.

By then it was irreversible. But knowing she had less than a year to live, Christina's only concerns were to make other women more aware how vulnerable they are and to spend every possible moment with the man she loved.

There are uncanny parallels between Susan's life and that of

the brave woman whose tragic illness made her look outwards towards others.

Susan, who first became a familiar TV face in a four-year run in *The Partridge Family*, finds time to work for L.I.F.E. (Love Is Feeding Everyone), Initiative 95 (which helps the homeless and hungry) and Women Helping Women.

And if Christina Taylor discovered she had a rare kind of love that learning of the cancer intensified, Susan Dey knows she, too, has found it with second husband, TV producer Bernie Sofronski.

They married last year after he helped her win a long battle with the bottle. He insisted she go back to Alcoholics Anonymous, despite past failures with them.

"This is the first time I've really been in love," she says. "Bernie has helped me understand that love involves give and take."

## Wildlife tended back to health

By Dennis Anstine

VETERINARIAN Jessica Porter doesn't like to lose any of the animals that pass through the wolf hollow wildlife rehabilitation centre, but the recent death of a red-footed booby bird was especially painful.

The bird, which Porter figures was from either Guam or Wake Island and accidentally caught a freighter to the West Coast, had spent a year being nursed back to health at the San Rafael wildlife centre in northern California.

But when it became clear the seabird was suffering neurological damage and couldn't be returned to the wild, it was flown by commercial airline to Porter's centre for more specialized care.

"He was the nicest, sweetest guy," Porter said of the bird that died in May. "We had him three days and he seemed to be doing fine. But then he convulsed and died a few minutes later. It really hurt. He had the nicest personality ... It just crushed me."

Porter, a slender, long-haired redhead, is a rarity herself. She is one of the few veterinarians in the country who devotes all her time to rehabilitating sick or abandoned animals for an eventual return to the wild.

Wolf Hollow is, in essence, a fledgling itself, having operated strictly as a wildlife centre for only two years under Porter and co-founder Judy Carter. But in its second year, the centre nursed approximately 300 animals back to health at the 40-acre facility and returned them to the wild.

Most of the creatures have been birds, but the centre also has tended large numbers of harbour seal pups and fawns. In late June, the centre was home for seven fawns, three premature harbour seals, a red-tailed hawk and several baby swallows and sparrows.

Most of the deer are ailing or stray fawns, but there is an alarming number of deformed fawns on this rural island about 75 miles (120-km) northwest of Seattle.

We are seeing fawns who are limbless, piebald and have hydrocephalus and other deformities," Porter said. "Our research indicates the deformities are caused from inbreeding since this is a closed system (on the island). But we're not ruling out the possibility of chemicals causing the problems."

Porter said the cause of the seal deformities are obvious.

"The deformities among the seals are not surprising considering all of the chemicals that end up in the water," said Porter, who spent nine weeks in Alaska caring for animals affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. "It's enough to stop me from ever eating fish again."

There are about 75 wildlife rehabilitation centres in western Washington, but most of them are small and use veterinarians only on an emergency basis.

But Porter believes there will be growing number of wildlife veterinarians because of the never ending encroachment of man into wildlife's habitats.

"When I went to school (at Colorado State) there were no courses on wildlife," she said. "But that is beginning to change. Right now, it's a brand new science."

"For example, every time I write something about a discovery, such as our deformed deer, it is new research. We are pioneers. And the need to learn more about wildlife will grow as our cities continue to make islands out of our wildlife areas."

"The thing is," Porter said, "there is precious little that is instinctive in animals. Most people don't understand this. Did you know you can train a swallow, which has a brain smaller than a pea, to eat worms out of a dish? There is practically nothing that is instinctive."

"Angus the raccoon, for example, came here right after birth and thinks I'm his mother," Porter said. "He opened his eyes and there I was. He also thinks dogs are his buddies, although he's learning that isn't true. Since he wasn't taught from birth to be a raccoon, he doesn't know what he is. He's not a pet — he's still a wild animal that just happens to live in captivity. But he can't live in the wild because nobody here can teach him how to survive out there as a raccoon."

Porter said she doesn't have to worry about losing her job in her lifetime because of the impact people have on wildlife.

"It's tremendous," she said. "The animals that are disappearing (become extinct) are the ones that just can't stand being around humans. But most will be able to adapt. Look at the raccoons. ... they are incredible, what they can learn."





Two-month-old fawn Pici (Tiny) nestles against Villam (Lightning) the Alsatian, while his mate Aspi rests in the background. The orphaned fawn is being raised by the owners of a local guesthouse in Fawn, Bankonybel, Hungary, and has been adopted by the family's two dogs.

### Dear Junior readers,

A birthday, the anniversary of one's birth. A very special day. We all agree that it is only celebrated once every year. I think it will be reasonable, therefore, to say that it is worth celebrating in the most special way possible.

I have noticed that there have been a great number of birthdays during the past month. Even though you are off school it does not mean that you cannot have a wonderful party, so let all your

friends know about it. Just fill in the coupon and send a photograph of yourself with your favourite interests so that all your pals can help you celebrate this very special day.

However, finding out that it is your birthday a few days too late is of little to no use at all...so please send in all coupons within at least a week of the very special date.

Manal

### Firsts and lasts

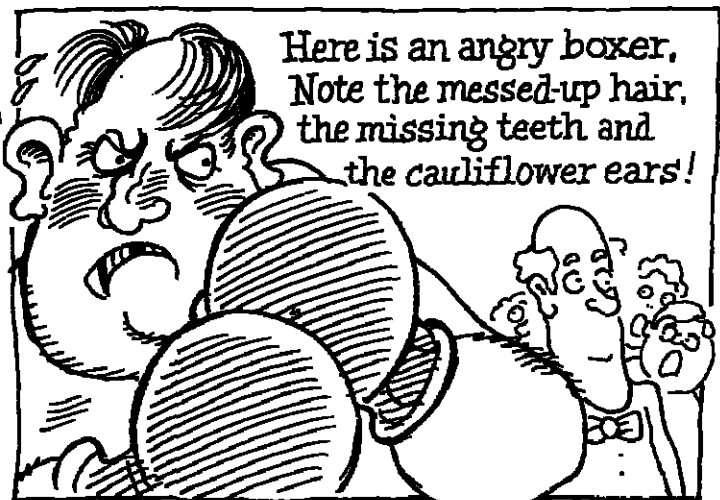
The first controlled flight in a powered aircraft was made at Kittyhawk by Orville Wright. The length of this great flight was in fact shorter than the entire length of a Jumbo Jet!

The first 'barrows' in Britain date from 2,500 BC. They are ancient burial mounds.

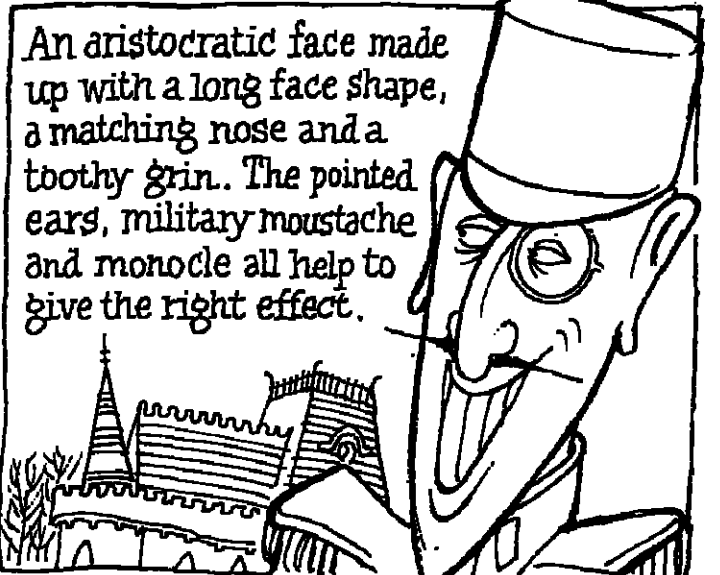
The first speed limit for motor vehicles in Britain came in with the 1861 Locomotives Act which laid down a maximum speed of 16.09 km/h (10 mph) on open roads and half that speed in built-up areas. Four years later the speed was cut to just 6.43 km/h (4 mph) for a country roads and half that in towns and cities.

When giraffes were first brought to Europe people did not know what to make of them and they were called 'camelopards' because it was believed they were a cross between a camel and a leopard!

The first traffic wardens took to the streets of Britain in 1960.



Here is an angry boxer,  
Note the messed-up hair,  
the missing teeth and  
the cauliflower ears!



An aristocratic face made  
up with a long face shape,  
a matching nose and a  
toothy grin. The pointed  
ears, military moustache  
and monocle all help to  
give the right effect.

### Happy birthday

Ajaz Hamid Kazi celebrated his 6th birthday on July 25. Belated greetings from friends, relatives and family.

Ajaz goes to the Indian School and loves playing carrom.



### Poem

#### OLD JOE CLARKE

Old Joe Clarke, he had a house,  
Was fifteen stories high,  
And every darn room in that house  
Was full of chicken pie.

I went down to Old Joe Clarke's  
And found him eating supper;  
I stubbed my toe on the table leg  
And stuck my nose in the butter.

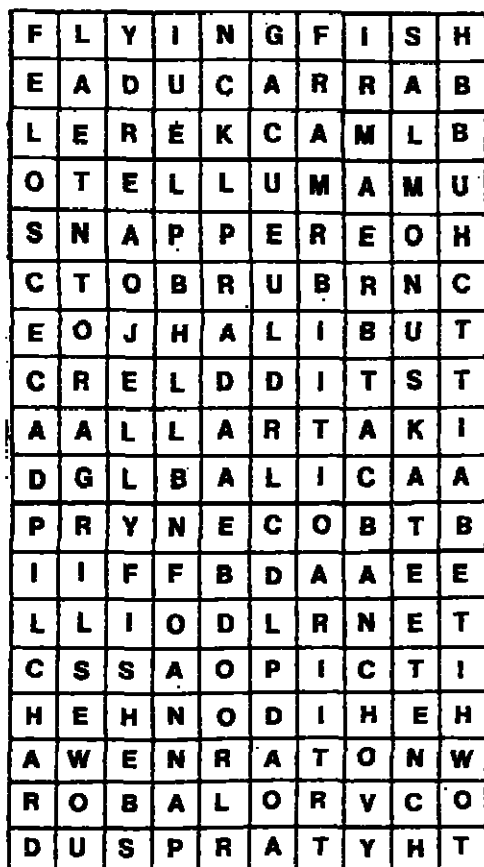
I went down to Old Joe Clarke's  
But Old Joe wasn't in;  
I sat right down on the red-hot stove  
And got right up again.

Old Joe Clarke had a candy box  
To keep his sweetheart in;  
He'd take her out and kiss her twice  
And put her back again.

American folk song

### Word search

## HOOK A FISH



Clue: Freshwater fish (7,5 letters)

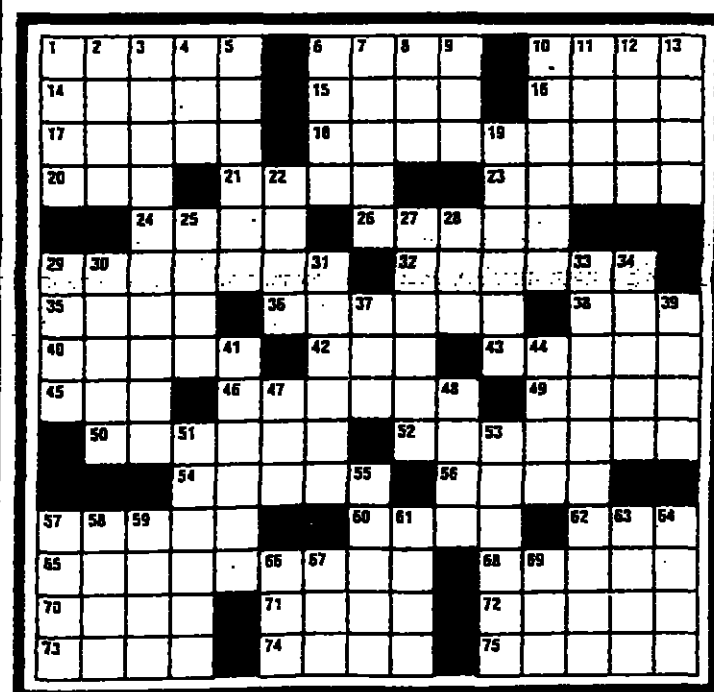
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FLYING FISH  
GRILSE  
HADDOCK  
HALIBUT  
HAMMERHEAD

JELLYFISH  
MACKEREL  
MULLET  
PILCHARD  
PLAICE  
ROBALO  
SALMON  
SARDINE  
SKATE  
SNAPPER  
SOLE  
SPRAT  
TARPOON  
TENCH  
TIDDLER  
WHITEBAIT

### Colouring time



### Crossword



ACROSS  
1 Meat jelly  
6 Reed  
10 Field  
14 Robson of films  
15 Alumnus  
16 Castigate  
17 Up  
18 Set forth as evident  
20 Choose  
21 Substantive  
23 Selects  
24 Kind of collar  
26 Staked out land tract  
29 Servicemen  
32 Receive

35 Of certain poems  
36 Israeli, for one  
40 Support for birds  
42 Spoil  
43 Traveler  
45 Bobby of hockey  
46 Part of a river  
49 Cicatrix  
50 Flea  
52 USSR leaders  
54 Rhone feeder  
56 Phone  
57 An Arden

DOWN  
1 Hairdo  
2 Gooft  
3 Derrieres  
4 Anger  
5 Artillery piece  
6 USSR secret police  
7 Rodeo mount  
8 Pan-Am. org.  
9 Time zone letters  
10 Burning  
11 Quahog  
12 Price

60 Passable  
62 Eat-all  
65 Airman who died with Will Rogers  
68 Slack  
70 Organic compound  
71 Waste allowance  
72 Gore  
73 Actor Calhoun  
74 — time (never)  
75 Hemisemi-demi-quavers  
13 Inspects  
19 Worldwide org.  
22 Singles  
25 Twitches  
27 Scottish VIPs  
28 Feign  
29 Philippine native  
30 Worship  
31 — fidelis  
33 Package delivery  
34 Dutch —  
37 Apres-Aval  
39 Sins  
41 Cheap  
44 Laos, Burma, etc.  
47 Gorilla  
48 Turfs  
51 Ms Tyson  
53 Kreisler's instrument  
55 Ruhr city  
57 Pitcher  
58 Spanish lad  
59 Swan genus  
61 A Graham  
63 — by the papers  
64 Obtains  
65 Valley grp.  
67 Scrap  
69 Yoko —

### Just for laughs!

Another man went into the butchers. He said, "You got any mince?"  
The butcher gave him a "Polo".

Another man went into the butchers. He said, "I want some lights for the dog."  
The butcher said, "Oh your dog likes those does he?"

The man said, "No but I think he needs them now the nights are drawing in."

This man at the butchers, he thought the chicken was too expensive.

The butcher said, "No it's not, it's a poultry sum."

My dad's stoopid. He went to the doctors and the doctor said, "The best thing for you is to give up drinking."

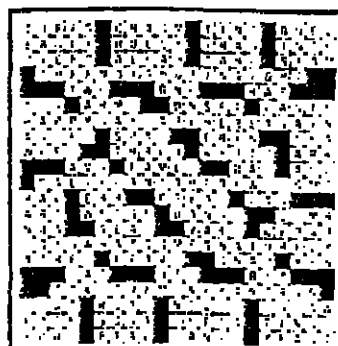
My dad said, "I don't deserve the best thing doctor."

What's the next best?"

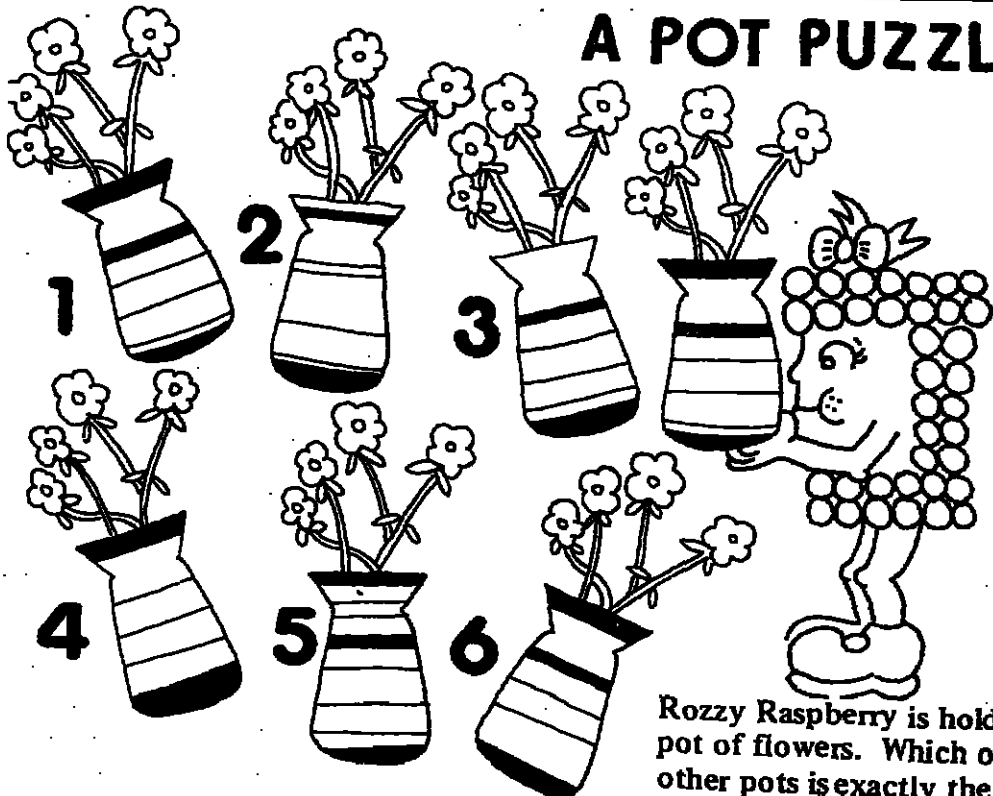
A man came into the classroom looking really sad. He said, "Girls, boys, I'm sorry to have to tell you, but your teacher's mind has gone."

"I'm not surprised," said a girl at the back. "She's been giving us a piece of it every day for a year."

Solutions to Tuesday's crosswords



### A POT PUZZLE



Rozzy Raspberry is holding a pot of flowers. Which of the other pots is exactly the same?

### Q OF SPORT

Unscramble the letters to spell five different sports.

1. NINCRUN =

2. DONIMBATN =

3. LABET

NISNET =

4. RONOKES

5. TOLAFOLB





## Variations on a theme

## Reviving romance

By: Firoze Rangoonwalla

THE screen has had enough of slums and goondas, of deprived creatures who become anti-socials and of the endless revenge of fist-cuffs, knives, fires and other inhuman tricks. The audiences are fed up with blood and gore and they have made their choice clear by keeping away from such films. Yet producers mindlessly churn out such action stuff, with the example of *Teraak* to bolster them.

But then there is also the success of *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* to crow about and of *Ram Lakhan* which was a mixture of both. So there were some takers of the romantic angle and soon a regular trend was started to bring love back again into films. Naturally, many of these films were started with Aamir Khan to cash in on his popularity, with or without Juhi Chawla. But other young romantic pairs like Neelam with Govinda or Chunky are also being tried out.

Among the first votaries of this new — found screen love was B. Subhash, who promptly started *Love Love* with Aamir, Juhu and Bappi Lahiri's swinging disco music. The season of romance is due to start around August and may prolong into the festival months. But this depends on how long love will last. For all we know, the cinegoers may also turn away from love stories saturated with hack formulas.

Only freshness can come to the aid of romance just as the real-life man-woman relationship also begins to stale and sour if not exposed to fresh currents. Aamir is also featured with Juhu in *Dastak ki Jung*, with the *Qayamat* composers Anand-Milind providing apt songs. For *Isi Ka Naam Zindagi*, Aamir has Farha for his heroine which is an off-beat pairing. Madhuri Dixit is his lady love in *Deewana Mujh Sa Nahin* which its makers call a pure romance.

Juhi has Sumet Saigal as her hero in *Shandaar* and also other films with other lover boys. But the Aamir — Juhu pair is the thing and so the hero's papa Tahir Husain has banked on them for his home product *Tum Mere Ho* with Anand-Milind again strumming the guitars. Chunky and Neelam will play Romeo — Juliet in *Mitti Aur Sona*.

Some unusual type of love stories are also being shaped in some coming films. Yash Chopra claims that his pet project *Chandni* will give a new meaning to love and it will be shot on location, "that is, inside a woman's heart". Rishi and Vinod Khanna rival for the love of Sri Devi and the idea is to revive R.K.'s *Sangam* magic. Rishi is the girl's first lover who goes abroad for treatment. Meanwhile Vinod enters her life and becomes a good friend. Rishi returns cured and this leads to the triangular dilemma.



Neelam and Govinda: a well-tested formula

In Sohanlal Kanwar's *Tadap Aisi Bhi Hoti Hai* Chunky's love for Meenakshi is a blind passion. But she does not respond. Two other men come in her life. Chunky keeps on protecting her from the villain, against whom she had given evidence. The villain Nana Patekar and his men beat up Chunky and make him blind. Another woman also enters his life. But love triumphs in the end. Meenakshi saves Chunky and has his sight restored. There is also a romantic sub-plot about Shekhar Suman and Sudha Chandran (who dies in his hands). It's a wonder how no producer has yet started new versions of *Laila Majnu*, *Shirin Farhad*, *Heer Ranjha* or *Anarkali Salim*. These were the original legends that gave birth to today's love stories.

## Behind the Screen

Farha is so shaken up with the flopping of *Nagab* and some of her other films that she is putting a check on her usual abusive language and blunt behaviour. She cannot go back to *Deewana* Ashiq and its producer Gulshan Arora even for Vinod's sake. She who left the films because there was no chicken in the lunch is herself turning too chicken to face the man.

Chunky and Neelam are redoing in *Ghar Ka Chitra* what Sadhna and Sanjay Khan did in *Ek Phool Do Maali*, which was copied from *Fanny*. In the new film, the odd man or rather the old man out is Rajesh Khanna (in place of Balraj Sahni). So Kaka has at last accepted his character actor grade gracefully.

Imagine a film being given up because the powers that be, could not decide which hero will kill the villain and both wanted to finish him. This happened to Aamir Khan and Chunky in (*Sahazade*), after each one found out the producer's real version. But causes go deeper. Aamir wants to add a dash of roughness to his romantic, drippy molasses image and Chunky does not want the *Teraak* case to be repeated. So both abandoned the film.

Aamir Khan, desperate to give a "good boy" image of himself, issued this notice to the press: "It was reported that I suddenly decided to go abroad on holiday, cancelled the given dates and troubled my producers. My holiday was planned months ago and the dates allotted before and after. I am a newcomer and such false, damaging, news can prove very harmful. I am genuinely concerned about my producers, I sign very few films to accommodate all the dates and I am one of the few artists who do not take petrol money, and payment for boy and driver from the producer." So what is he trying to say?

Amrita Singh says she was in the tenth grade at school when she started working in *Betaab*. How come she grew up so fast? And did her education go any further?

Jeetendra fondly remembers his old shoes costing only Rs. 18, and keeps talking about them. But then why does he not throw off his costly white shoes which he has made his trade-mark?

## Star slips

**Aparna Sen:** I don't watch commercial Hindi films. It isn't worth watching something that bores me.

**Raj Babbar:** Now they say I am married to Madhuri! Why don't you talk to those who said I was married to Rekha two years back?

**Prem Chopra:** In the industry, nothing is permanent except me. And to think that I have still a long way to go... it makes me feel great.

**Neelam:** So what if I am playing Amitabh's daughter in *Indrajit* and not his heroine? It is more respectable to be a daughter than a girlfriend.

**Farha:** If I put on weight, it does not mean I am pregnant. I cannot have a baby without marriage. I am not Neena Gupta.

**Govinda:** Yes, I did hide wife Sunita and daughter Narmada for my own convenience. And I brought them to light when it suited me.

## Juhi: thick-skinned

**Q. How did you get into this career?**  
A. Basically, I am a fun-loving girl and also fond of day dreams. This industry offers lots of chances for fun as well as adventure. Yes, I have a spirit of adventure in me. So working in films satisfied both my desires.

**Q. But you struggled a lot to enter and then to keep your head above the water?**  
A. Yes. *Saltanat* proved a damp squib for me. People said I was only good for modelling. I had to wait a long time. Then came *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*. Even that was not immediately rewarding. I used to push the publicity matter of the film myself and even proved everyone to go and see the film, even at my cost. It all began to pay off after 15 weeks.

**Q. Even then, Aamir Khan had the upper hand of success?**  
A. Yes, he was the scion of a big film family. The posters played him up. Everyone praised him more, even to my face. Some said I looked older than him. Slowly my image began to sink in. It became clear that people had started recognising and liking me. Now I receive hundreds of fan letters every week.

**Q. Any bad experiences in films?**  
A. Lots of accidents and magical rescue, as in dreams. In *Saltanat* and the South film, I nearly died. Karan Kapoor proved a real hero, while saving me.

**Q. What is your grouse after the *Qayamat* success?**  
A. I have been offered only romantic films, some with Aamir and some with others who look like him. *Goongi* was good for a change. But mind you, there is no real romance with any of them. So no gossip please. I just laugh off guys who try to play emotional.

**Q. What have you gained from the film world?**  
A. A thick skin and an instinct for self — preservation.

## The Art Buchwald Column

## Act of God

easily have been caused by God."

"What's the difference?" Martha Thurston wanted to know.

"God moves in mysterious ways, but our company doesn't cover Him. If it's His fault, you have a fiddler's chance of us paying the bill."

"It couldn't have been caused by God," Roy said. "God would never dare hurt Chevy Chase."

"Can we just get down to specifics?" the adjuster pleaded.

"Okay. That tree up there was knocked over by the wind and crashed into my roof, leaving a 10-foot hole over the master bedroom."

"What kind of tree was it?"

"It was a 300-year-old oak."

The man hit the button

on his fax machine. After reading the fax message, he turned to the Thurstons.

"Your policy doesn't cover damage from oak trees. Now, if a Japanese bonsai tree had hit the roof, you would be in fat city."

"Why didn't someone tell me that when I bought the policy?"

"Any grade school kid knows that. Do you have some structural damage from a falling Christmas tree?"

"Not that I know of."

"Too bad, because if you did, we'd cut it up and cart it away free of charge," he informed them.

Thurston took the adjuster to the back of the house. "The wind blew my balcony away. You can see it hanging by one strut."

"I have one, your word that it was the wind. How do I know that beavers

didn't knock down the balcony?"

"We don't have any beavers in this neighbourhood," Thurston protested.

"That's what everybody says," the insurance adjuster added. "Then as soon as I leave, the beavers come out and start chewing on every piece of wood around here."

"Aren't you going to pay for any of this?"

"I'm trying to find something. What happened to the glass door leading out to the patio?"

"A garden umbrella went flying through it on the way to our living room."

"Was it green or striped?"

"A green one."

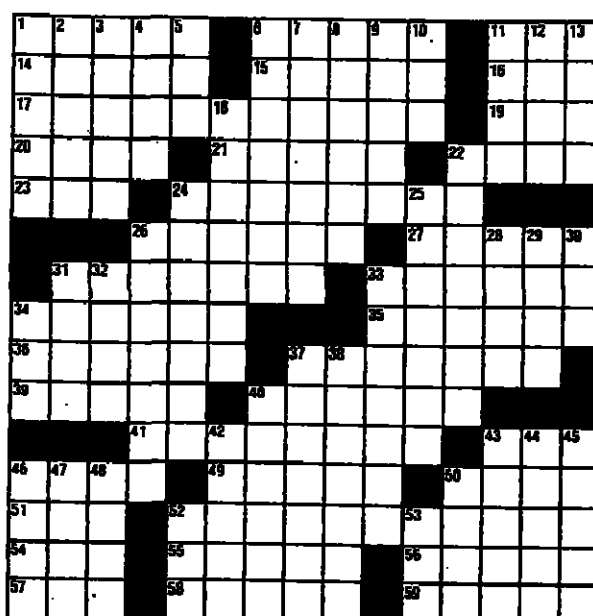
"Too bad. We're only covering striped umbrellas this summer," the adjuster said.

"Well, that's it. You have been most helpful," Martha mumbled.

The adjuster told the Thurstons, "I'd like to do more, but how can I when it's all God's fault?"

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Adagio, for one
  - With force
  - Shipping abbr.
  - Sign of the zodiac
  - Words from a positive thinker
  - High note
  - Wet blanket
  - The whole amount
  - Namesakes of cowboy star Maynard
  - "The Little Corporal" led one
  - Diploma holder, for short
  - Grid measures
  - "Who's on first?"
  - Filthy, in Firenze
  - Mountain spur
  - Synthetic rubber ingredient
  - Captivate
  - Terrible
  - Disco, for one
  - Gertrude and others
  - Hamelin, after the Pied Piper
  - Puccini opera
  - "Lord Jim" author
  - Sailing's — Cup
  - Hoagy's cousin
  - Kind of tale
  - French Hebrew scholar
  - Carson fill-in
  - Gone by
  - Spun confection
  - de Oro
  - "The poet makes himself"
  - Progeny
  - Tricycle user
  - Alas, and Haw, formerly
  - Root DOWN
  - Cheesy
  - Flubbed
  - Bearings
  - Energizes, with "up"
  - Carbohydrate suffix
  - "Net — the world"
  - Like synthetic fibers
  - Dundee of boxing
  - Brainstorms, in Reims
  - Connective
  - North Carolina cape
  - Stew pot
  - Type of eagle
  - Extreme aversions
  - Twirled
  - Formerly Dutch Guiana
  - Envelope and Asian capital
  - Melodious
  - Glaswegian uncles
  - Rocky formations
  - Rook or cook ending
  - Hernando de —
  - bier
  - Orient Express
  - Running mate with FDR
  - Revel without restraint
  - Rather and Brokaw
  - Lake National Park
  - Leaflike in form
  - Sometimes this is common
  - Gratuitous
  - Memorable movie star Charles
  - Pastry tray item
  - Currency exchange premium
  - Plunder
  - Hit like a hurricane
  - Garfield, e.g.
  - Title for GHWB

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## KILLED BY PARTNER

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 10 5  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ K Q J 9 8 6 3  
 ♣ A K Q

**MARIE**  
 ♠ A J 6  
 ♥ 7 6 5  
 ♦ 10 4 2  
 ♣ J 10 9 8

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 7 3  
 ♥ A Q J 2  
 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ 7 5 3 2

The bidding:

North East South West  
 1 ♠ Db1 1 NT Pass  
 3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Bridge star Matthew Granovetter has written an intriguing book mixing sound bridge instruction with a murder mystery (*Murder at the Bridge Table*, published by Granovetter Books, 310 pp, paperback. Available from The Bridge World, 39 W. 94th St., New York, N.Y. 10025. \$12.95 postpaid.) If we have any complaint, it is that the author has tried to do too much. But there is much to learn from the bridge advice, as this hand illustrates.

"The bidding was questionable. Marie's double with two five-card majors is doubly wrong. The club lead went to dummy's queen. Next the diamond king was played. Under normal circumstances Marie

would have played the deuce to show an odd number. But it was illogical to give count for two reasons:

"(1) Marie had already won the ace before the count could be given; and

"(2) holding up could not help the defense since dummy had plenty of entries ...

"Marie must have understood this. When Marie won the diamond ace, she played the ten in an effort to show where her strength was. This was a suit-preference signal that should have led to a two-trick set. It was an excellent idea and many players would not have thought of it. Yet upon reflection no other meaning was conceivable.

"There can be few explanations for Marie's actual heart return ... There can be little doubt he either thought Marie's ten was a count signal or he hadn't even bothered to look at it. The former case is a sign of ignorance, the latter motive for murder."

The hands and the mystery are interestingly linked. An enjoyable read.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

THAN ELSE SPOT  
 WHERE LEER TITILE  
 HEADWAITER ELLA  
 OED SLAT APPEAR  
 SARA DNA  
 LETTERHEADS CPA  
 ATALE ILLS MOAB  
 MURAL ALA MAPLE  
 AITS STEN ASPEN  
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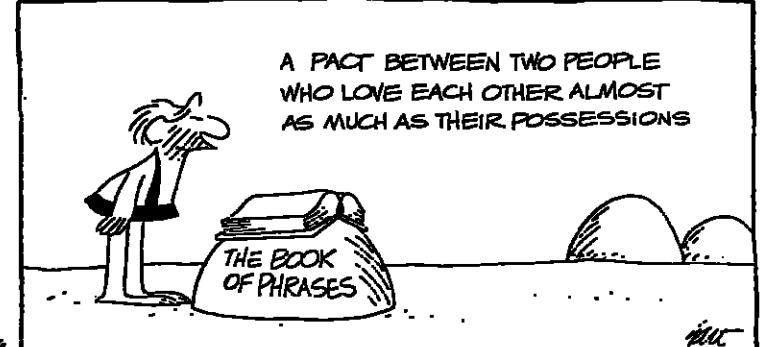
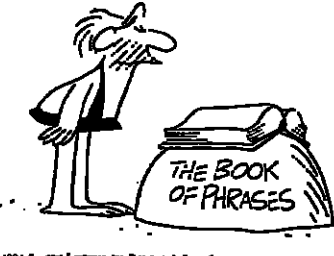
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By Johnny Hart

## PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not expect others to do just what you would like. If you have made a mistake do your best not to let it happen again. You will have a good opportunity to make amends for a past omission. Be candid.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to make the right selection. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 51. Remember that fast does not always mean accurate. Make sure you do not do anything that would positively harm your health. Be bold.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not try to leave until later something that you know should be done now. Make sure you get all the exercise and rest you need. Try not to look only to the immediate future. Be reliable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be better able to concentrate and this will help you to avoid mistakes. You will be able to think more constructively. Respect other people's ideas and acknowledge them. You will be able to make some changes for the better. Be tactful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should not spend too much time watching television, remember there are other equally satisfying pastimes. Do not allow other people to get on your nerves. But nor should you get on theirs. You are tending to spend more than you should. Be observant.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Something you have been learning will now fall into place. You will have more faith in yourself. And you should not be so ready to mistrust others. Be generous.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Avoid doing your own repairs unless you really know what you are doing. An important project should be dealt with right away. If you think you are too old to learn you are quite wrong. Be on your guard.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will hear something very much to your liking and advantage. Try to behave calmly when someone is pestering you. Make sure you allow yourself sufficient time not to be late for an appointment. Be tolerant.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will have a good idea but it needs some further thought before it is practical. You will tend to allow your mind to wander and must try to exercise more self-control. Avoid all kinds of exaggerations and stick to safe limits. Be sensible.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should do your best to avoid getting into a muddle. Check your calculations, also if you are using a calculator. You will tend to spend too much time windowshopping or browsing. Be consistent.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should do your best to avoid getting into an argument. And make sure you do not say or do anything that might give offence. Also ensure you do not break a promise. Be lenient.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 14)

You should not believe all you hear. You would be wrong not to take good advice. You will be glad you did not spend more than you could afford and should not do so now. Be fair.



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## Wallabies heading for more punishment

SYDNEY, July 26, (Reuters): After a pummeling at the hands of the British Lions, Australia's rugby union team now face more of the same from the masters of scrum-based domination, the All Blacks.

The Wallabies play world champions New Zealand in a one-off Test match for the Bledisloe Cup on August 5, giving coach Bob Dwyer just two weeks to rebuild after the 2-1 defeat by Britain's best in the recent Test series.

The history books will show Australia, after winning the first Test 30-12, were denied their first ever series win over the Lions by just one point, losing the final Test 19-16.

But Dwyer knows his side face demolition if the All Blacks backline — John Kirwan, Terry Wright, Grant Fox and all — are provided with as much high quality ball as the Lions forwards won for their three-quarters.

The Lions outplayed Australia in every sector of scrum play but the Five Nations mentality of "only run the ball if you have a three-man overlap" prevented a bevy of tries by the visitors' uninspired backs.

"Our play just hasn't been up to scratch, there's no doubt about it," Dwyer said after his Anzac combination side were beaten 19-15 on Sunday.

"I am most concerned that the performances during the Lions' series was not anywhere near good enough to beat the All Blacks. It is a great worry."

"Lack of composure and ball control and sealing the ball off at the breakdown is getting worse. It's not a skill to be able to hold on to the ball," Dwyer said sarcastically.

Time and again in the Test series when an Australian player went down with the ball, it came out clean as a whistle on the opponents' side.

The Wallabies had no answer to the touring side's rolling surges in broken play, led by number eight Dean Richards or flanker Mike Teague, and Australian scrum-half Nick Farr-Jones must have envied the protection offered by the well-drilled Lions unit to counterpart Robert Jones.

Former Wallaby captain Mark Ella warned: "The Australians had trouble countering the driving forward style the Lions adopted during their visit. The All Blacks play a similar sort of game but they will be even better at it than the Lions."

Dwyer used the Anzac game to test some alternatives ahead of the All Blacks clash in Auckland but, worryingly, the problems continued despite the inclusion of old-timers prop Andy McIntyre and flanker Simon Poidevin.

The coach knows he will have to make do with what he has.

# Borg closes Scandinavian part of fashion empire

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 26 (AP): Former tennis star Bjorn Borg, harried by apparent conflict with his partners, announced yesterday that he was going out of business in his native country.

Borg said in a public statement that his Scandinavian business partners had

rejected his offer to buy 25 per cent of the Bjorn Borg design group, and that he would shut it down.

"Although I had hoped the company could continue in Scandinavia, which is my home market and I would have given the company my full support, it is with regret that I have to announce the

closure of the company in Sweden," said the English-language statement.

Swedish television, which interviewed directors of Borg's company after they emerged from the closed meeting, suggested in its report that there were behind-the-scenes conflicts over control of the company.

Borg's statement did not mention his other holdings, which are registered in Monaco and the English Channel island of Jersey. They apparently were not directly affected by the move.

The announcement marked the latest in a series of setbacks for the former Wimbledon champion.

The directors of the Bjorn Borg design group were summoned yesterday to seek ways to keep the company solvent.

Last week Borg turned down a rescue offer of \$4.6 million in capital for fear of losing control of the company, which he hoped to build into a Swedish

fashion house modeled after Lacoste of France.

He also is involved in a custody fight for his 3-year-old son, Robin, and has met repeated delays in arranging a marriage with Italian rock singer Loredana Berté, who is waiting for her divorce.

## Mayotte tames Ross

### Krishnan defeats Jones

WASHINGTON, July 26, (Agencies): Top-seeded Tim Mayotte of the United States yesterday overcame a first set challenge and high humidity against countryman John Ross 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 in the second round of the \$415,000 D.C. Classic.

Tenth-seeded Paul Chamberlin, fresh from his quarter-final showing at Wimbledon, defeated qualifier Martin Barba, also of the US 6-2, 7-16 (7-2).

Seventh-seeded Derrick Rostagno, 11th-seeded Todd Witsken of the US, 12th-seeded Ramesh Krishnan of India and 14th-seed Jimmy Arias of the United States all advanced to the third round.

Sixteenth-seeded Jeff Tarango of the US was upset by South African Gary Muller 7-5, 6-1 in a serve-and-volley contest that was played in the middle of the day when the on-court temperature soared to 104 degrees.

Ross, 267 in the world, had Mayotte on the ropes in the first set when he broke Mayotte with a backhand return winner to take a 5-4 lead, but he managed only one point when he served for the set in the 10th game.

Mayotte, 11 in the world, forced the set into a tiebreak, which he swept by winning the first five points and never letting Ross in the match after that, scoring two breaks in the second set for the victory.

Ross, who has played just six weeks in the past 11 months due to injuries, was disappointed that he could not take advantage of

his opportunities against Mayotte in the 95 minute match.

"Usually a guy like Tim Mayotte won't give you opportunities like that. I'm disappointed I didn't play well enough to close (the set) out," said Ross.

Mayotte admitted that his first serve was not as potent as he would like but added that he is trying to make the transition to hard courts.

"It my first match on hard courts in a while. For me, going from grass (at Wimbledon) to

hard is the most difficult. The ball bounces so low on grass and so high on these courts," said Mayotte.

Krishnan wore down Kelly Jones 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, and Arias combined a newfound big serve with his familiar baseline game to rout Steve Bryan 6-2, 6-0 in one hour.

Arias, who came to the net only once, served an uncharacteristic six aces and lost only five points on his last three service games, two of them on consecutive double faults.

Although a straight-set winner, Witsken struggled before fighting off a game point in the pivotal ninth game of the first set, finally breaking Canada's Doug Burke and riding that momentum to his only other break in the third game of the second set. Witsken won 7-5, 6-3.

"I played the big points well and that was the difference," Witsken said. "I was fortunate to put two good games together at that point and break him."

### Results

**First round:**  
Ramesh Krishnan (12), India, def. Kelly Jones, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0;  
Jimmy Arias (14), def. Steve Bryan, 6-2, 6-0;  
Javier Frana, Argentina, def. Jimmy Brown, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4;  
Barry Moir def. Broderick Dyke, Australia, 6-4, 6-3;  
Jim Grabb def. Karsten Braasch, W. Germany, 7-5, 6-3;  
Mark Kratzmann, Australia, def. Ned Caswell, (4-7), 6-0, 6-0.

**Second round:**  
Tim Mayotte (1) def. John Ross, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2;  
Paul Annascone (6) def. Doug Burke, Canada, 7-5, 6-3;  
Derrick Rostagno (7) def. Philip Johnson, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5;  
Paul Chamberlin, (10) def. Martin Barba, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2);  
Todd Witsken (11) def. Neil Broad, South Africa, 6-4, 6-4;  
Gary Muller, South Africa, def. Jeff Tarango (16), 7-5, 6-1;  
Simon Youl, Australia, def. Miguel Nido, Puerto Rico, 6-2, 6-2;  
Richey Reneberg, Richard Fromberg, Australia, 6-1, 6-3.



Mayotte had a tough match

## Men's GP tennis tourney results

STUTTGART, West Germany, July 26, (Reuters): Results in a men's \$350,000 Grand Prix tournament yesterday (figures in brackets denote seedings):

Martin Sinner (West Germany) beat Eric Winogradsky (France) 6-4, 7-5;  
Fabrice Santoro (France) beat Markus Zillner (West Germany) 7-6 (3), 6-3;  
Goran Prijs (Yugoslavia) beat Casio Motta (Brazil) 6-3, 6-2;  
Marek Filipini (Uruguay) beat Martin Sirella (Czechoslovakia) 7-6 (7), 7-6;  
Jens Woermann (West Germany) beat Bruno Oezar (Yugoslavia) 6-2, 6-4;  
Marian Vajda (Czechoslovakia) beat Magnus Tideman (Denmark) 3-6, 6-2;  
Aleks Antonich (Australia) beat Shuzo Masumoto (Japan) 7-6 (3), 6-1;  
Andrej Šterbasov (Soviet Union) beat Marty Davis (US) 1-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1;  
(11) Ronald Agnew (Ireland) beat Michael Stich (West Germany) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4;  
(3) Aaron Krickstein (US) beat Lars Kostow (West Germany) 6-3, 6-3;  
(7) Guillermo Perez-Roldan (Argentina) beat Simone Colombo (Italy) 6-1, 7-6;  
(12) Jordi Arrese (Spain) beat Thierry Tulasne (France) 6-0, 6-4;  
(16) Jan Gunnarsson (Sweden) beat Francesco Cancellotti (Italy) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

## Exultant Lions return home

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): Bruised but exultant, the British Lions returned home yesterday with their place secure in the rugby union history books.

The 1989 side were only the third British Lions team to win a series, following a 2-1 triumph over Australia in a 19-15 win over a Combined Australian-New Zealand XV.

They emulated the 1971 and 1974 Lions, who beat New Zealand and South Africa respectively.

The present Lions forward coach Roger Utley, a key member of the 1974 pack, must take much of the credit for constructing a team he believes could take on world champions New Zealand.

"If we played the New Zealanders now the result would be close," Utley told reporters.

"I'm not saying we would win but I am saying there would be no repetition of the runaway wins that the All Blacks notched in the World Cup."

The thing is that we've learned how to train. We learned the lessons of the World Cup and we went into this series fitter than any previous Lions team.

"It allowed us to make our second half rallies and it allowed us to last longer than the Australians."

The Lions, coached by Utley and Ian McGeechan, another member of the unbeaten 1974 side, based their success firmly on a dominant forward pack and kicking halfbacks.

England flanker Mike Teague, in particular, was a revelation and deservedly won the Player of the Series award.

Dean Richards confirmed his reputation as the best number eight in Europe and two other England players, locks Paul Ackford and Wade Dooley, overshadowed their Australian counterparts in the lineup.

Weisman Robert Jones at scrumhalf relished the chance to play behind a winning pack and Scots' brothers Gavin and Scott Hastings were dangerous attackers and uncompromising defenders at full-back and centre respectively.

As in 1971 and 1974, the Lions saw their primary task as winning rather than entertaining.

Boxing family trains three hours a day

## Vegetarian Waters brothers head for glory



Cec Waters sits on one of his 15 wrecked cars with two of his 40 dogs. (Reuters wirephoto)

KULNURA, Australia, July 26, (Reuters): On a ramshackle farm in the hills north of Sydney surrounded by 40 dogs and 15 broken-down cars live the unusual Waters boxing family.

Post Box 2195 is a men-only preserve ruled with a benevolent iron fist by father and trainer Cec. He forbids smoking and drinking, and has declared the farm a vegetarian zone — and that goes for the dogs, too.

Cec's monastic regime seems to work. With little training experience he has turned out two Commonwealth champions in Troy and Guy, the first brothers to hold such titles simultaneously.

Dean, the eldest brother, fought unsuccessfully for the Commonwealth heavyweight title 18 months ago but has since had other things on his mind.

At a committal hearing in October, Dean is due to face charges of murdering his step-mother's lover.

Cec also faces charges following the murder of Alan Hall, who lived with Cec's estranged wife Christine, in June last year. He has been charged with conspiracy to murder and being an accessory to the shotgun shooting of Hall.

Cec brushes off the charges, preferring

to concentrate on his boxing philosophy and his sons' prowess.

"I like to keep things simple, the worst thing in the world to do is to force sophistication on them," said Cec, surveying the forest and fields surrounding his small holding.

"I make sure they are aware of the environment they come from and the benefits it gives them."

Light-middleweight Troy, 24, is considered the pick of the Waters boys and should fight Italy's Gianfranco Rosi for the International Boxing Federation (IBF) title later this year.

Troy has lost once in 14 fights, a controversial defeat on points against South Korea's Choi Beck, and has held the Commonwealth crown for two years.

Guy has not lost since a defeat in his first professional fight and claimed the Commonwealth light-heavyweight title in April by beating Canada's Willie Featherstone on points. Guy now has his eye on Prince's Charles Williams' IBF belt.

Dean plans another tilt at the Commonwealth title, currently held by Britain's Derek Williams.

Manchester-born Cec learnt his boxing in the British Army, figuring it was the best



Troy (left) and Guy (centre) train with their father on their farm. (Reuters wirephoto)

way to avoid work. He became battalion champion but not before suffering badly from his trainer's "attack-attack" policy.

"I came back from one fight looking like a cross between a car accident and a butcher's shop," Cec said. "I set about accumulating knowledge of defence to make sure my boys would know about defence when they stepped in the ring."

"All that fighters believe here are 'stoushes' (scrapping)," says Cec whose family has waged a bitter feud with Jeff Harding, Australia's newest world champion. "I'm Australia's leading exponent of skilful defensive technique."

Harding won the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight title in June after a bloody battle with Briton Dennis Andries.

But he has never fought Guy, who was stripped of his Australian title for failing to defend it within 18 months. Both camps accuse the other of avoiding a showdown.

After divorcing his first wife, Cec brought his three boys and one daughter over to Australia to start a new life away from the problems of north London.

"I wanted to give my kids a bigger shot at life," he said. "If the kids had stayed in London, they'd probably be in jail."

Daughter Tracey and his second wife moved out of the farm, where Cec breeds and trains horses. More recently, so too have Dean and Guy, lured away by women despite Cec's best efforts.

"Terribly dangerous things, women. I wish they didn't have to get girlfriends. My father told me you should always kill a good woman before she turns bad," he joked.

All three sons still train around three hours a day, five days a week, at the farm where a makeshift ring with a corrugated iron roof stands in a field between the wrecked cars and a pen holding ba-ba the sheep, a realer of the family's pets.

"I'm a real sucker for animals, we once had 200 dogs here, Cec says. "Just say we've got several now, will you, otherwise we'll have the council after us."

Cec seems a great deal more wary of people and the farm gate is plastered with signs warning of the danger of trespassing. Once training is over the amiable Troy, the apple of his father's eye, spends his day watching videos of past fights and possible future opponents.

Cec said: "Our championship aspirations go back a long time. Troy has fought every great fighter in his dreams."



Three-nation tour

Ivan Lendl (left), the world number one tennis player, autographs a ball on arrival at the Manila airport as Stefan Edberg of Sweden looks on. The two were in Manila to play an exhibition match, the second on their three-nation Asia tour. In the first match Edberg beat Lendl 6-4 3-6 3-6 in Taipei, Taiwan, on Tuesday. They will wind up their tour with two matches in Japan. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Masur smashes table after Peruvian taunts

LIMA, July 26, (Reuters): Australia's Wally Masur smashed a plate-glass table top after he was taunted by spectators in a Davis Cup tennis tie against Peru but the organisers said yesterday they would overlook the incident.

Masur stormed off the court after beating Pablo Arraya 6-4 6-4 4-6 6-6 2 to give Australia a 3-2 victory in a world group promotion/relegation play-off on Monday.

Some of the 3,000 spectators at Lima's Jockey Club had shouted "good one, Wally" every time he missed a point. They had also thrown coins on to his side of the court and twice interrupted his service with catcalls, drawing threats from Ecuadorian umpire Fabricio Valdivieso to start awarding points in Masur's favour.

The Australian bowed mockingly to the crowd after his win and strode to a small table next to the court, whacking it with his racket and breaking a sheet of glass which covered it.

"I think we can overlook the whole thing. The match was over and it wasn't as if he attacked a person," Peruvian Tennis Federation president Yovli Senno told Reuters.

A spokeswoman for the Jockey Club said: "as far as we're concerned, it didn't happen. We have not made any complaint."

## Haarhuis stuns Carlsson

HILVERSUM, Netherlands, July 26, (Reuters): Top seed Kent Carlsson of Sweden was knocked out in the first round of the \$150,000 Dutch Open tennis tournament yesterday, succumbing in straight sets to little-known Dutchman Paul Haarhuis.

Carlsson, ranked 13th in the world, has not played a clay-court tournament for over three months after extensive knee surgery and showed obvious signs of strain against the powerful ground-strokes and greater agility of the Dutchman, who won 6-3 7-5.

Haarhuis, 153rd in the world rankings, dominated the first set. Carlsson came back in the second with a series of heavy topspin shots and lobs but could not maintain the momentum.

After the match, Carlsson blamed his weakened knees for much of his problem but added that Haarhuis had played very

well.

Second seed Emilio Sanchez of Spain ousted Tom Nijssen 7-6 (7-5) 7-5 and his sixth-seeded brother Javier dispatched another Dutchman, Paul Dogger, 6-3 7-6 (7-3).

Third-seeded Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union plays his first match today against Frenchman Thierry Champion.

### Results

Paul Haarhuis (Netherlands) beat 1-Kent Carlsson (Sweden) 6-3 7-5;  
Sergio Casal (Spain) beat Stefan Lochbihler (Austria) 6-2 6-2;  
4-Horst Skoff (Austria) beat Udo Riglewski (West Germany) 6-4 6-4;  
Claudio Pistolesi (Italy) beat Hendrik-Jan Davids (Netherlands) 6-1 6-4;  
6-Javier Sanchez (Spain) beat Paul Dogger (Netherlands) 6-3 7-6 (7-3);  
Gustavo Guisasa (Argentina) beat Andres Vysand (Soviet Union) 6-1 6-3;  
2-Emilio Sanchez (Spain) beat Tom Nijssen (Netherlands) 7-6 (7-5) 7-5.

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## SPORTS

## Shakoor will not stand in Tests: Abbasi

KARACHI, Pakistan, July 26. (Reuters): Shakoor Rana, the Pakistani cricket umpire involved in a bitter row with England captain Mike Gatting on the Faisalabad pitch in 1987, will no longer stand in future Tests after failing to attend a refresher course.

"If an umpire does not turn up at a refresher seminar, it means he is not interested," Arif Ali Khan Abbasi,

secretary of the Board of Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) said yesterday. "He will not be considered for umpiring in Test matches," he added.

But Abbasi said Shakoor had not been dismissed. "There is no question of sacking when the BCCP did not hold any examination," he said.

Abbasi said the BCCP had organised three refresher courses in three seminars

for the benefit of umpires who wanted to be updated on the latest techniques. He said Shakoor, Amanullah and Javed Akhtar did not show up.

"Nobody should feel insulted, there was no rating after the seminars," Abbasi added.

He said Pakistan had set up an umpiring committee headed by former Test captain Zaheer Abbas to raise standards. The

BCCP had also introduced an exchange programme with New Zealand and India in order to train and improve the quality of umpires.

England considered abandoning their tour after the heated exchange between Shakoor and Gatting. The pair accused each other of swearing in a dispute over field placings. More than a day's play in the second Test was lost.

## Expos take Phillies to task

## Bonilla helps Pirates beat Mets

NEW YORK, July 26. (AP): Mark Langston says a lack of runs makes him a better pitcher and proved it last night when the Philadelphia Phillies 2-0.

"It's not that I don't like the high-scoring games, but in close ones you tend to concentrate more and make more of your pitches count," Langston said.

"It's better for me in tight games because of the way I want to pitch."

"When it's close, you have to have an idea of what you want every pitch to do before you throw it, and that keeps you sharp."

Langston's third shutout gave Montreal a 35-17 record since his acquisition May 25, and Tim Lincecum homered for the surging Expos.

In other games yesterday, it was: San Diego 6, Cincinnati 2; Pittsburgh 4, New York 2; San Francisco 5, Atlanta 4; Los Angeles 6, Houston 0; and Chicago 4, St. Louis 2.

Montreal, 23-24 before Langston's arrival from Seattle, won its sixth straight game. He pitched a five-hitter, struck out 10 and walked two in handing the Phillies their sixth straight loss.

Raines' second-inning homer, his fifth this season and first since



Bonilla: lays down the lumber

May 28, made a loser of Don Carman, 2-11.

Padres 6, Reds 2

The Reds matched their longest losing streak in three years at nine games and San Diego's Ed Whitson tied a career-high with his 14th victory as the Padres beat Cincinnati.

Garry Templeton singled

homed two runs and Shawn Abner hit a three-run homer as the Padres broke a four-game losing streak.

Dodgers 6, Astros 0

Tim Lincecum tied teammate Orel Hershiser for the National League lead with his fourth shutout as the Los Angeles Dodgers ended the Houston Astros

four-game winning streak. Belcher, 7-9, pitched a five-hitter for his fourth complete game, striking out nine and walking five.

Pirates 4, Mets 2

Bobby Bonilla singled to break a 2-2 tie in the eighth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates, cashing in on a walk and an error, cooled off the New York Mets.

The Mets, who had won six straight games, fell to 41-2 games behind Montreal in the National League East.

Giants 5, Braves 4

San Francisco parlayed a deflected grounder off the glove of losing pitcher Derek Lilliquist into the go-ahead run and Mike Lacoss pitched the Giants to victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Lacoss, 5-6, gave up six hits over seven innings, struck out two and walked two in handing the Braves their sixth straight defeat.

He also figured in the Giants' tie-breaking run in the fifth inning.

Twins 9, Orioles 3

One victory short of last year's total, the Baltimore Orioles are playing like it's 1988 again.

"We're hurting ourselves three ways. We're not pitching well, we're not fielding well and we're not hitting well," manager Frank Robinson said. "We're just not doing anything."

Baltimore's losing streak is its longest of the season. Its lead 71-2 games last week, was cut to 41-2 by Toronto and the rest of the division is catching up.

"We're still in first place," losing pitcher Dave Schmidt said. "We had hoped to play .600 ball the second half of the season, but we're playing teams for the second time now. They know we're for real and it's tough. But we have to be tough, too."

In other games, Toronto beat Texas 4-0, California defeated Oakland 4-0, New York stopped Cleveland 5-1, Boston routed Kansas City 10-0, Chicago stopped Seattle 7-6 and Detroit downed Milwaukee 7-2.

Angels 4, Athletics 0

Chuck Finley and Greg Minton outduelled Dave Stewart and California won at Oakland for a two-game lead over the Athletics in the AL West.

Jack Howell, Chili Davis and Dick Schofield hit solo home runs as the Angels beat Oakland for the second straight day.

California's lead is its largest of the season.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## World Cup

ZURICH, July 26. (Reuters): Fans will not be allowed to stand at any matches in the 1994 World Cup soccer tournament. The seats-only decision was taken by the executive committee of the International Football Federation (FIFA) today.

## Cup qualifier

ZURICH, July 26. (Reuters): The International Football Federation (FIFA) decided today that the result of last month's World Cup qualifier between El Salvador and Costa Rica, abandoned after 34 minutes, would be 4-2 to Costa Rica.

## Sussex Stakes

GOODWOOD, England, July 26. (Reuters): Result of the Sussex Stakes, a Group One race for three-year-olds and upwards, run over one mile today, 1. Zilzili, 5-2 (ridden by Walter Swinburn); 2. Green Line Express; 100-1 (Tony Cruz); 3. Mark of Distinction; 3-1 (Ray Cochrane).

## Qualifying ties

ZURICH, July 26. (Reuters): El Salvador, banned from staging World Cup home qualifying ties, will play their postponed 'home' game against the United States in Honduras on September 17, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday.

## Borussia win

KAISERSLAUTERN, West Germany, July 26. (Reuters): West German Cup winners Borussia Dortmund beat League champions Bayern Munich 4-3 (1-2) in a national Supercup match yesterday.

## Stadium closed

BRUSSELS, July 26. (Reuters): The stadium of Belgian First Division soccer club Antwerp has been closed for safety reasons but the club hope it will be in good order for the start of the new season next month.

## WBA champion

GRENOBLE, France, July 26. (AP): France's Taoufik Belbouli, the weight champion, underwent a knee operation yesterday and will be forced to give up his title, his management team announced.

## Moore forgiven

ANAHEIM, California, July 26. (AP): Donnie Moore's widow said she forgives her late husband, once a star relief pitcher for the California Angels baseball team, for shooting her last week and added that she still loves him. Moore shot his wife Tonya, three times July 18 before killing himself.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

1. Mrs Merabi & Zannaniri  
2. Weinzeil & Meouchi  
3. Mesdari & Sherin

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1. Mrs B. Pereira & D'Souza  
2. Mrs Sapre & D. Pereira  
3. Jaggi & Abidin

A team of four bridge will be held tomorrow at 3.00 at the Sheraton.

## FIFA slap ban on Iraq

ZURICH, July 26. (Reuters): Iraq have been banned from all International Football Federation (FIFA) competitions except senior tournaments for fielding an over-aged player at the World Youth Championship in February, the federation said today.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said investigations showed the Iraqi Football Association had been negligent in submitting details of the age of one of their players. He did not name the player involved.

Blatter told a news conference that FIFA, at an executive committee meeting, had banned Iraq from its under-16, under-20 and under-23 competitions.

Iraq reached the quarterfinals of the youth championship in Saudi Arabia after winning all their

group matches without conceding a goal.

FIFA, world soccer's governing body, has repeatedly warned members that they face severe penalties if caught falsifying the ages of players in its youth competitions.

Last year FIFA banned Mexico from all its competitions for altering the ages of four players in a qualifying tie for the 1989 youth championship.

Blatter confirmed that FIFA was investigating allegations that two teams, Saudi Arabia and Nigeria, had used over-aged players at the World Youth Cup under-16 competition in Scotland last month. Saudi Arabia beat Scotland in the final.

"This is a first case where the winners have been involved in such a complaint," Blatter said.



Mohammed Ali

## US company sues Ali for breach of contract

LEBANON, Indiana, July 26. (UPI): Mohammed Ali is getting a legal left hook from a Lebanon sports promotion company that claims he didn't live up to terms of an agreement.

Classic Sports Productions Corp. claims "The champ" has not returned autographed photos and posters of himself, which has prompted the suit filed in Boone county circuit court for breach of contract.

According to court documents, Ali was paid \$9,700 plus expenses to sign autographs at a sports memorabilia show a year ago in Cincinnati. However,

the boxing legend signed only 106 of the 150 posters he agreed to autograph.

Ali still has not returned the materials, which would be worth thousands of dollars if they were autographed, said Classic's attorney, Kent Frandsen.

"It's not a big deal," he said. "I don't want any trouble for the guy. My client just wants him to sign the posters and send them back."

Frandsen said Ali had not responded to repeated requests to return the materials, so "we were pretty much left with no choice" but to sue.

## Nashwan may try to clinch triple crown

LONDON, July 26. (Reuters): Derby and 2,000 Guineas winner Nashwan may become the first British horse since Nijinsky to attempt to win three classic in one season.

Nashwan's racing manager Angus Gold said yesterday the Dick Hern could run in the St Leger at Doncaster on September 16.

"In my view Nashwan should go for the St Leger," Gold said. "It's not a fashionable race these days, mainly because it is won by horses that have been only placed in previous classics."

"However, that does not apply to Nashwan. He is already a champion and it would be great to have a triple crown winner again."

The alternative to the St Leger is the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 8. But Gold said if the ground were soft there, owner Hamdan Al Maktoum could race Nashwan's half-brother Unfuwain.

Tunisian player

HANOVER, West Germany, July 26. (Reuters): Tunisian soccer international Nabli Maslouh has signed a two-year contract with West German Second Division Hannover, the club said yesterday.

It gave no financial details. The 26-year-old midfielder has played 62 times for Tunisia.

## Track veterans convene in Oregon

## Boutaib scores easy 5,000-metre victory

LA CORUNA, Spain, July 26. (AP): Moroccan Olympic 10,000-metre champion Ibrahim Boutaib easily won the 5,000-metre race in a time of 13:12.10 at the third international track and field outdoor Teresa Herrera meet yesterday.

He was followed by Olympic 5,000-metre event John Ngugi of Kenya in 13:14.27.

In other events at Riazor stadium in this northwestern Galician town, the Olympic champion Roger Kingdom of the United States won the 100-metre hurdles in 13.38, followed by his countrymen Renaldo Nehemiah in 13.54 and Jack Pierce in 13.80.

Andre Phillips of the United States, Olympic champion, won the 400-metre hurdles in 49.06, followed by his countryman David Patrick in 49.52 and Amadou Dia Ba, of Senegal, in 49.54.

James Butler of the United States was second in the 100 metres event in 10.32. The event was won by Chidi Imoh in 10.19.

Nixon Kiprotich of Kenya

won the 800-metre event in 1:44.55 followed by Dieudonne Kwizera, of Burundi, in 1:45.28.

The 1,500-metre event, one of the most important, was won by Mogens Guldberg of Denmark in 3:35.40, followed by Teofilo Benito, of Spain, in 3:37.08.

Jerome Carter of the United States easily won the high jump event with 2.26 metres, followed by Dalton Grant of Britain with 2.20.

Constantin Miclea easily won the javelin event with 75.12 metres, followed by Ronald Bradstock, of Britain, with 73.50.

In women's events, Diane Williams of the United States won the 100-metre race in 11.17, followed by Sandra Myers of Spain in 11.34.

Iolanda Oanta of Romania captured the 400-metre event in 52.23, followed by Jennifer Stoute, of Britain, in 53.29.

The 3,000-metre race was won by Viorica Ghican, of Romania, in 8:43.65, followed by her countrywoman, Margarete Keszeg in 8:56.49.



Phillips (left) won the 400m hurdles while Dia Ba was third. (Reuters wirephoto)

The long jump was captured by Liliana Nastase with 6.47 metres. Second was Nicole Boegman of Australia with 6.40.

Meanwhile, many of the shin-

ing stars from track and field's past will be in Eugene beginning tomorrow for the eighth World Veterans' Championships in Eugene, Oregon.



Paul Parker



Tony Pigott

## Sussex stun Worcestershire

## Essex win, pay for sub-standard pitch

LONDON, July 26. (Reuters): English county championship leaders Essex became the first side to be penalised 25 points for producing a sub-standard cricket pitch after completing an expected victory over Yorkshire yesterday.

Essex, set 107 to win on a lively pitch, squeezed home by three wickets thanks mainly to the youthful talent of Nasser Hussain who scored 45 from 69 balls.

But they were then docked 25 points by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for providing a sub-standard pitch.

The Southend pitch is prepared by council workmen, not the Essex groundstaff, and the hot, dry weather has hindered its preparation.

It was reported in Essex's last match — a victory in two days over Kent — but the home side escaped punishment on that occasion.

Yesterday Essex were reduced to six for three and then 61 for six on a pitch reported to the TCCB on Monday by umpires Nigel Plews and Ken Palmer.

However, Hussain's precocious skills saw them safely to victory against pacemen Arnie Sidebottom and Paul Jarvis. Sidebottom finished with four for 48 while Jarvis claimed three for 35.

A bold bid by defending champions Worcestershire to close the gap on Essex was frustrated by Sussex who snatched a thrilling victory off the last ball of their match. Worcestershire remained second, 27 points behind.

Tailender Tony Pigott hit two from the final ball to finish on 27 not out as Sussex reached their victory target of 250 with four wickets in hand.

Captain Paul Parker scored 86 before he fell lbw to Ian Botham after Worcestershire had declared their second innings closed at 230 for four. Worcestershire's Graeme Hick hit his fourth century of the season, scoring an unbeaten 110 with three sixes and 14 fours from 122 balls and passing 1,000 runs for the season in the process.

England strike bowler Graham Dilley did not take the field for Worcestershire, giving the national selectors another headache before tomorrow's fourth Test against Australia.

Dilley underwent treatment on the troublesome right knee which required surgery earlier in the season and said he intended to report with the England team in Manchester today.

"I didn't bowl as a precaution," Dilley said. "The knee swelled up more than normal and I will not make a decision until Thursday morning."

West Indian former Test fast bowler Michael Holding showed he is still a potent force at the age of 35 with a match-winning performance in Derbyshire's nine-wicket victory over Glamorgan.

Holding added figures of four for 66 to his first innings six for 57 to help dismiss Glamorgan for 241 and leave Derbyshire only 95 runs to win.

Captain Kim Barnett, dropped by England after the third Test defeat, hit 51 not out off 82 balls with nine fours as Derbyshire made quick work of their victory target.

Standings

English county championship cricket table after yesterday's matches (tablets under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

Essex 14 9 0 5 35 46 200  
Worcester 14 6 3 5 24 53 173  
Middlesex 13 6 2 5 28 48 172  
Northants 15 5 4 6 31 49 162  
Hampshire 13 5 3 5 35 38 153  
Lancashire 14 4 3 7 37 43 144  
Gloucester 13 4 6 3 23 43 130  
Nottingham 15 3 4 8 34 43 125  
Yorkshire 15 3 4 8 26 40 114

Note: Essex penalised 25 points for producing a sub-standard pitch. Warwickshire total includes eight points for a drawn match where the scores finished level while they were batting.

Benn moving to US

LONDON, July 26. (AP): Nigel Benn, considered the top prospect in British boxing until an upset defeat in May by Michael Watson, said yesterday that he will move to the United States in an effort to boost his world title hopes.

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## Peoples club to host new tourney

THE Pakistan Peoples Club, Kuwait, yesterday announced the inception of a cricket tournament for the Bhutto Memorial Trophy.

The tournament, named after Pakistan's late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, will be held during the 1989-90 season, according to Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahesr — the president of the Pakistan Peoples Club. The trophy, donated by Rafique Ahmed Mirza, general secretary of the club, is a replica of Yagdar-e-Pakistan, Lahore.

Eight selected teams will take part in this tournament, which will be played on a knockout basis. Further details and venue of the tournament will be announced later by the organising committee.

The organising committee, known as the Pakistan Peoples Sports Committee, will not only organise this tournament but has been given the task of arranging other sports activities also among the Pakistani community in Kuwait.

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